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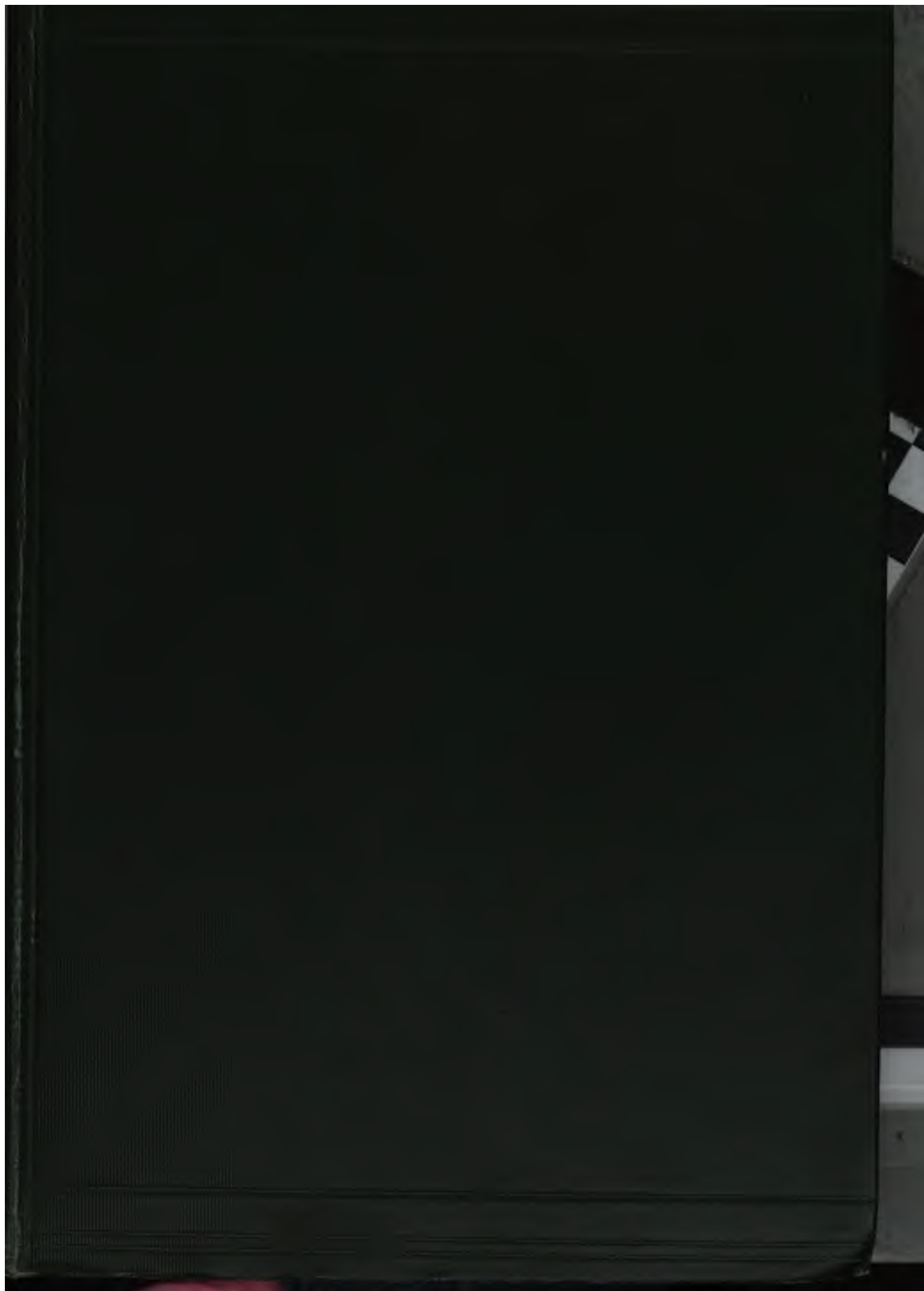
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PREFACE.

It is the design of this volume to show the origin and growth of school privileges in an old New England town. As the chief factor of every school is the teacher, special attention has been given to ascertain who have held that responsible office in Dedham; for it is not to be doubted that their influence has shaped in a large degree the moral and intellectual character of the town. In making up this record we have often thought how difficult it would be to estimate the work of this long procession of public servants, under whose care the minds of Dedham citizens have been nurtured. We have therefore judged such a record worthy of preservation as a vital part of our town's history. As constant care was exercised that fit persons only should have charge of school instruction, it has been a chief pleasure in preparing this work to feel that it is done in behalf of men and women whose names ought not to be forgotten.

THE SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS OF DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

IN 1634 the territory of Dedham, excepting the grassy meadows bordering on the Charles and Neponset rivers, and perhaps a few Indian cornfields, was still covered with a dense forest. A year later a small number of enterprising men from Watertown had discovered its value and desired to make it their permanent home; and, to express entire satisfaction with their choice, would have called it Contentment. The next year, 1636, the town, in answer to their petition, was incorporated by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, but it was named Dedham. The eight following years were a constant and hard struggle in subduing wild nature and making the place a safe and comfortable home for English emigrants. At the close of that period a little village or hamlet, consisting mostly of log houses covered with thatch, was clustered around the spot where the county buildings now stand; and the area now occupied by Dedham Village was mostly cleared and under cultivation. A road connected the little settlement with Boston by way of Roxbury, and others were opened through East Street and to the estates occupying the tillage land of the Central plain. Thus the vigorous town was planted and had taken firm root in a congenial soil.

We come now to the next step in the quiet and orderly progress of this young community.

The founders of Dedham evinced in many ways their capacity for wise forethought. They evidently regarded themselves as the builders of a town for whose future character they would be held responsible. While they made many good regulations for securing private and individual rights, they never forgot to plan for the benefit of coming generations.

Accordingly, as soon as they had established homes of a very primitive style, with very few comforts and no luxuries, they turned their thoughts to the subject of education; and there is no doubt that the presence in the little settlement of several men who had been trained in the universities of the mother country had a most favorable influence in shaping the measures which they adopted.

In the town records of 1638 four persons have Mr. prefixed to their names, to indicate that they had taken the Master's degree at a University. These were John Allin, the first minister of Dedham; Timothy Dalton, the first minister of Hampton, N. H.; Thomas Carter, ordained in Woburn, 1642, and Ralph Wheelock.

On the second day of January, 1642-3, fifty-one persons were present at a general meeting of the Town, in which the allotment of land was considered; and in the record of its proceedings is the following statement:

It was with an unanimous consent concluded that some portion of land in this entended division should be set apart for publique use: viz for the Towne, the Church and a fre Schoole; viz 40 acres at the leaste or 60 acres at the most.

This "unanimous consent" indicates a truly commendable liberality and public spirit, and that there were in the town wise counsellors to control its plans for public improvements. It also leads us to expect further steps in the same direction; and we are not surprised at the memorable action of a town meeting two years later. This is so fitly described in the Records that we give it here without abridgment, and also include the names of those who were present and participated in the good work.

1644. At a meeting the first day of the Eleventh Month, Assembled those whose names are under written with other the Inhabitants of this Town: M^r Jn^o Allen past^r, John Hunting Eld^r Hen Chicker-ing, Tho. Wight, Jn^o Thu[rston], Anthony Fisher, Jos. Fisher, Dan Fisher, Jno Luson, Mr. Ralph Wheelocke, Jno Gaye, William Bullard,

Jno Bullard, Robt. Crossman, Hen Wilson, Jno N[ewton], Edw. Colver, Hen. Smith, Nath Colborne, Nath. Aldus, Hen Phillips, Sam^l Morse, Dan Morse, Jno. Morse, Jos. Kingsbury, Jno. Dwite, Lamb. G[enery], Edw. Kemp, Edw. Richards, Tho. Leader, Geo. Bearstowe, Jonath. Fairbanks, Mich Powell, Mich Metcalfe junor, Jno Metcalfe, Jno Frarey, Eli. Lusher, R[obt] Hinsdell, Pet. Woodward, Jno Guyle, Rich. Evered, Robt. Gowinge, &c.

The said Inhabitants, taking into Consideration the great necesitie of providing some means for the education of the youth in o^r's'd Towne, did with an unanimous consent declare by voate their willingness to promote that worke, promising to put too their hands to provide maintenance for a Free Schoole in our said Towne. And farther did resolve and consent, testifying it by voate, to rayse the summe of Twenty pounds p annu. towards the maintaining of a Schoole M^r to keep a free Schoole in our s'd Town.

And also did resolve and consent to betrust the s'd 20[£] per annu & certain lands in o^r Towne, formerly set apart for publique use, into the hand of Feofees to be presently chosen by themselves, to imploy the sd 20[£], and the land afors'd, to be improved for the use of the said Schoole: that as the profits shall arise from the said land, every man may be proportionably abated of his some of the s'd 20[£] aforesaid, freely to be given to the use aforesaid. And y^t y^e said Feofees shall have power to make a Rate for the necessary charg of improving the s'd land: they giving account thereof to the Towne, or to those whom they should depute. John Hunting, E^{ldr}, Eliazer Lusher, Francis Chickeringe, John Dwight & Michael Powell, are chosen Feofees and betrustrd in the behalf of the school as afore said.

The school thus established, to be managed by Feoffees, was designed to continue seven years, as will appear in the following record relating to the training ground:

1644. 4^d 12^{mo}. Granted to the Feofees for the free schoole in Dedham for the use of the s'd schoole a parcel of the Training ground so much as shall be set out to them by the Towne, which said p'cel is granted from this present day unto the last day of the eighth month which shall be in the year 1650. Hen. Chickering, Eli. Lusher & Hen. Phillips deputed to set out the s'd parcell of Land above said.

The Common near the Dexter School is a part of the old Training Ground, and to use it as a playground for "the s'd Schoole" seems to accord with the original grant to the Feoffees.

The records of the Feoffees have not been preserved, so that we are not able from their records to give the names of the teachers under their administration. There is, however, no doubt that according to a family tradition, Ralph Wheelock, the ancestor of the first and second presidents of Dartmouth College, taught during that time; this is rendered the more probable from the fact that during the seven years, from 1644 to 1651, he was not called to perform public duties which would interfere with his work as a teacher, though previously he had been employed almost constantly in other offices of the town; and after removing to Medfield he was the first teacher there for several years.

This first Dedham teacher was born in 1600, in County Salop, or Shropshire, England; was educated at Clare Hall, Cambridge University; took his degrees in 1626 and 1631; came to New England in 1637 with his wife Rebecca, first to Watertown, then to Dedham in 1638; became a freeman there March 13, 1639; was representative in the Great and General Court 1639 and 1640; Clerk of the Writs, 1642, as successor of Edward Alleyne deceased; taught school from 1644 to 1651, a seven years covenant; then removed to Medfield and represented the new town in the General Court from 1653 to 1656; taught the first school of Medfield from 1656 several years; and died Jan. 11, 1684, in his 84th year. He has been fitly eulogized as a fine type of the New England Puritan. It was most fortunate for the school to have so able a man for its first teacher. His learning and his fidelity gave it seven years of prosperity and made this earliest experiment of popular education a complete success.

When the school had been in operation three years, the General Court of Massachusetts, in which the representative from Dedham was one of the Feoffees of the Free School, en-

acted its first statute relating to education. That the successful experiment of Dedham influenced the General Court, we cannot doubt. The example of this town seems to have determined the policy of the colony. It is also remarkable that this first statute included for towns containing a hundred families, the idea of a high school such as Dedham was already enjoying. In giving the text of the Statute, we consult the comfort of our readers by adopting modern spelling and discarding abbreviations which, though pleasing to antiquarians, are no help to the one who is reading for information.

STATUTE OF 1647.

It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former times by keeping them in an unknown tongue, so in these latter times by persuading from the use of tongues, that so at least the true sense and meaning of the original might be clouded by false glosses of saint-seeming deceivers; that learning may not be buried in the grave of our fathers in the church and commonwealth, the Lord assisting our endeavors,—

It is therefore ordered, that every township in this jurisdiction, after the Lord hath increased them to the number of 50 householders, shall then forthwith appoint one within their town to teach all such children as shall resort to him to write and read, whose wages shall be paid either by the parents or masters of such children, or by the inhabitants in general, by way of supply, as the major part of those that order the prudentials of the town shall appoint: provided, those that send their children be not oppressed by paying much more than they can have them taught for in other towns; and it is further ordered that where any town shall increase to the number of one hundred families or householders, they shall set up a grammar school, the master thereof being able to instruct youth, so far as they may be fitted for the university, provided that, if any town neglect the performance hereof above one year, every such town shall pay £5 to the next school till they shall perform this order.

This legislation required no change in Dedham's educational system but was in perfect harmony with it, and the

school received the regular support of the town, and soon required a building for its accommodation. The following record shows the action of the town :

Jan. 1648-9 At a General meeting of the Town. . . A schoole house and a Watch house is resolved to be built this next yeare the care whereof is left to the select men.

Fortunately we have the specifications for this first school-house and the watch-house combined with it. In the records of the selectmen, the neat handwriting of Capt. Lusher has preserved for us the following account of this early temple of learning :

11mo 15. 1648. Assemb : Hen Chickering, Joh Kingsbury, Joh Dwight, Tho. Wight, Fra Chickering, Joshu. Fisher, & Elea : Lusher A school house to be built as followeth, together wth a watch house.

the length 18 foote, being 14 foote beside the chimney, the wide-ness 15 foote, the studd 9 foot betwixt joynts, one floore of joyce : 2 convenient windowes in the lower roome & one in the chamber, the plancher layed, the floor planked, the stayers made, the sides boarded, feather-edged and rabbited, the doors made & hanged.

the watch house to be a leanto set at the back of the chimeny sixe foote wide, the length therof two foote & one half mor than the house is wide, so placed that the end therof may extend past the corner of the house, so that the watch may have an aspect 4 severall wayes. & open windowes therein suitable to a watch house : & covered wth board up to those windowes & upon the roofe, & a mandle tree hewen & fitted for the Chimney."

It is supposed that this building stood very near, if not on, the spot where the Unitarian Vestry now stands ; and we have only to imagine the busy hum of school work filling the east room by day, and the faithful watching of the sentinel from the windows of the west-end leanto during the long and lonely nights, to understand how child and man in those old days performed their several parts in laying the foundation of a free school and a free state.

The cost of this little school house is shown by the following record of a town debt paid out of the rate of 1648 by John Morse, constable :

“ To Jno. Thurston for work about the School house 11£ 00-03.”

The chimney of the same either was not immediately built, or had to be soon renewed ; as we find this record late in 1651 :

“Sergt. Fisher & Eleazer Lusher ar requested to treat and conclude wth a workman, or workmen for ye building of a Chimney in y^e schoole house.” At the same time “ Br. Dwight is requested to treat & conclude wth a workman for y^e shingling of y^e schoole house.”

A little later among the accounts we find as follows :

“ For building the Schoole house chimney 3£: for boards, nayles Schoole house 1£ 8^s ”; also “ to Tho. Batteley in pt for shingling y^e Schoole house 1£ 18-7.” The same year Tho. Batteley is called to account for taking “ boarding & shingling timber w^{thout} Leave.”

The total cost of the completed edifice was 17£ 6s 10d, or a little less than 87 dollars in present money.

It is an interesting fact, that, in the records of the first meeting of the Selectmen after the resolve to build the school-house, there occurs this brief item : “ Mr. Wheelocks motion for advice answered.” As the teacher of the school, it would be reasonable and perfectly natural for him to seek information about the proposed building.

The preceding account covers the first seven years of the school ; and for continuing the history we find but meagre assistance in the town records. Still there is enough to show that the spirit of the people had not changed, and that their purpose was still to be carried out. Thus the record runs :

At a general town meeting 1651. . . It is resolved that a school for the education of youth in our town shall be continued and maintayned the whole term of seven yeares next, and that the settled mayntenance or wages of the Schoole M^r shall be 20£ p ann at y^e leaste: A Towne Stocke shall be raysed to the summe of 20£ at y^e least.

This shows that the first seven years had been so satisfactory that no change was desired in the management. No new election of feoffees was recorded, and we may presume that the same men continued to hold the office.

But Mr. Wheelock's "covenant for the school-keeping" had expired, and his interests had been transferred to Medfield. The 20£ for the master's salary had been voted but no record tells who was the teacher for 1652. Tradition, however, points plainly to Mr. John Brock, the first man from Dedham to graduate at Harvard College, 1648. He was in Dedham in 1652. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth, having died in 1650, he sold his inherited estate in Dedham in 1652. He preached and taught schools at Rowley and Isles of Shoals; and was ordained at Reading, Nov. 13, 1662; and died there June 18, 1688. Cotton Mather made his funeral sermon; and Judge Sewall in his diary says: "Mr. Brock was very laborious in catechising and instructing youth." But the next year a change was made in the care of the school whereby it passed into the hands of the selectmen. The following record of a general meeting indicates this:

3^d of 11 mo 1652. The question concerning the Schoole being kept only in winter being proposed for Resolution, the answer is: That the selectmen that shall be this daye chosen shall attend to procure a fitt schoole M^r at the beginning of the summer; and if it p've difficult, or not to be attayned, they may p'pose the case to the Towne for further resolution.

At this day, when well qualified teachers are so abundant, we can hardly realize the difficulty of maintaining the high standard set up by the Feoffees of the Dedham School. But such teachers as Wheelock and Brock were "not to be attayned." England was not driving out into the wilds of America so many of her university graduates, and the little college at Cambridge was not sending out many young men willing to teach awhile before they began to preach in the new towns now anxious to secure them as pastors.

But the selectmen now being authorized to find a school-master, acted promptly, and from the records of their clerk we are able to give the name of the first teacher which they employed.

18 of y^e 1 mo. Assemb. Joh. Kingsbery, Fra. Chickering, Lieft. Fisher, Joh. Dwight, Sergt Fisher & Elea. Lusher, Pet. Woodward Agreed wth Jacob Farrow to keep the Schoole to begin 28 of 1 mo 1653 to have 20[£] pr an. to be payed in town paye being merchantible at the end of each halfe yeare the one halfe of the saide sune. he undertakes to teach to read English and the Accidence & to write & the knowledg & art of Arithmetick & the rules & practice thereof : this to be p^oposed to the towne.

The fact that Mr. Farrer undertook to teach the "Accidence," shows him to have had a knowledge of Latin, as this was doubtless Brinsley's Accidence, a latin grammar, published in 1612, and widely used in the schools of England.

The record is completed the same day as follows :

The above written agreem^t wth a schoole M^r was this day p^oposed to the towne after Lecture & consented unto

Jacob Farrow seems to have entered upon his duties according to the contract. Six months later this contract is modified, as shown by the record, as follows :

Upon the Request and motion of Jacob Farrow its consented unto that himselfe or his Brother shall attend the keeping the Schoole according to the Coven^t formerly made wth the said Jacob & the Coven^t to remaine in force as it is.

How long these brothers, John and Jacob Farrer, had charge of the school, it is not possible to determine. It was probably less than a year. They were emigrants from Lancashire, Eng., John being the older, and both went to Lancaster in 1653 or 4. Two of Jacob's sons were killed by the Indians about 1675. He died in Woburn August 14, 1677, whither he had fled, and where John had lived since 1656. The latter died the 11th of July, 1690, "very aged." Jacob

Farrer was a surveyor and was much occupied in laying out the allotments of land in the town of Lancaster. The descendants of John and Jacob Farrer are numerous, and several of them have been eminent as scholars.

The next schoolmaster was Lieut. Joshua Fisher, who appears to have consented to keep the school a short time when it was difficult to obtain a teacher. His appointment is thus recorded :

11 of y^e 10 mo 54 Agreed with Lieut. Fisher to keepe schoole in our Towne for the same alloweance that the former schoole M^r had proportionable to the time he shall attend the same, which at present is but for this winter time ; who afterwards shall be discharged thereof at any time after he have given one weeks notice.

The Lieutenant did not on account of his school duties cease to be a selectman or to receive pay for "dyeting" the selectmen. A curious entry in the records about the close of his term, reads thus :

Lieut Fisher is requested and undertakes to repayer the broken panes of glasse in the meeting house so farre as he may finde glass spare for that use.

Was his school too near the meeting house?

The following record was made :

3 of 10 mo. 1655. The Rate made for the payment of Liefert, Fisher for the time he kept the school being 4 months, and one week. and for wood he expended upon that occasion the sum being 7[£] 13^s 4^d.

It seems to have been the custom to make a rate for the teacher's pay once in six months. In the last instance sixty-six persons were taxed to pay the Schoolmaster.

Lieut. Joshua Fisher was the son of Joshua of Medfield, born at Sylcham, Eng., in 1620 ; came to New England in 1637 ; made freeman 1639 ; married Mary Aldis at Dedham Nov. 16, 1643 ; married Widow Lydia Oliver of Boston, 1654 ; was Selectman 22 years from 1648 ; Town Clerk 4 years ; was an Inn Keeper and Surveyor. He was almost constantly em-

ployed in the business of the town near to the time of his death, which occurred August 10, 1672.

The scarcity of teachers at this time became troublesome.

28 of y^e 1 mo 1656 Lieft Fisher and Ensign Chickering are deputed to treat with Willy Woodward about the keeping schoole & and to receive & return to the select men his direct answer.

There is no record of his "direct answer," but probably there was no long vacation in 1656.

Mr. Woodward probably taught a part of the year. He became a preacher and served the town occasionally in that capacity, for which services money was paid to his executor after his early decease. He was the son of Peter Woodward of Dedham and for a time member of Harvard College; "was probably one of the seventeen who left college in 1655 without a degree." John Hull in his diary calls him "a young and powerful preacher."

In December of that year the Selectmen bethought themselves of their venerable neighbor as is shown by the following passage in their records :

to be proposed at the generall meetinge that a School M^r being not yet attayned nor like conveniently to be speedily Supplied & the late select men conceaveing that Brother Metcalf might be useful that waye, & being treated withall seemes not wholly averse, it is desired the towne would consider it at present and declare them selves.

On the "5th of the 11 mo 1656" the Town did "declare themselves" as follows :

The Towne did by voate give a call to Bro. Metcalfe to keep schoole in our Towne & leave it to the Select men to agree with him therein.

The former schoolmaster, Joshua Fisher, now becomes Town Clerk, and in his handwriting we find the contract made with Mr. Metcalf.

9 of 11 mo 1656. Agreed with Michael Metcalfe for to keep the schoole for the year insuinge, the said Michael doe undertake to teach the children that shall be sent to him to reade English and to

write : all which he do undertake faithfully to do : in consideration whereof we doe engage he shall receive from the town the summe of twenty pounds two therd partes in wheate att the price of the towne or Countrie Rate and the other parte of the paye in other corne at price above mentioned, and the schoole to be kept at the school house except the weather be extreame to hinder, and then he is to atend it at his owne dwellinge house : and the towne is to take care to have the harth layde in the schoole house forth with, and to have the windows made fitt : & wood for the fire to be layd in att the schoole house : we ingage to call upon the parents of the children that they carefully provide it in due time.

And it is agreed that the therd part above expressed to be payed in other corne shall not bee above one therd part in Indian corne : and in the heat of the weather if the said Michael desire to use the metinge house he may so doe provided the house be left clene against any publiq use of the house, and also that the windows be made good if any be broken, and any other damage made good that is done by the use of the metinge house in that kind : and the school to begin the 19 day of this present mo : and the pay is to be quarterly as is above expressed, that is 5*£* a quarter.

It is hardly to be supposed that Mr. Metcalf taught only reading and writing, but rather that he agreed to teach these at least to all the pupils. There is now in existence the identical arithmetic which he used as a teacher of the school. This book, an enlarged edition of Robert Record's arithmetic, was published in 1630, and is now in the archives of the Dedham Historical Society. He was born at Tatterford, Norfolk Co., England, in 1586 ; consequently he was seventy years old when he became a schoolmaster. To escape from persecution he took passage for America April 16, 1637, and was admitted townsman of Dedham July 14, 1637. He was evidently much respected for intelligence, which caused his townsmen to turn to him for assistance in the business of education. That any dissatisfaction should appear, to annoy Mr. Metcalf, seems very strange ; but here is proof that some were ready to find fault. Town-clerk Fisher made this record :

16th of the 12 mo 1656. Upon the complaint of some of the Inhabitance that the school Master refuse to teach such childring as are above fourteen yeares of age the men hereunder named are deputed to goe and treat with the school master about the covenant wherein it is expressed he should teach all that are sent to him to wright and read.

No early schoolmaster was required to teach spelling, as the subject was not considered important. In the arithmetic used by Master Metcalf the same word is sometimes spelled in three different ways in the same paragraph. The trouble did not become serious, for in a few days, at a general meeting, the following vote was passed :

The Town doe give Micell Metcalfe a call to keep school the year insuinge and leave it to the next select men to agree with him for 20[£] a yeare.

Near the end of this second year, on the fourth of the twelfth month, he was requested to keep another year, when his reply was "that at present he was not ripe to give an answer," so it was agreed that he should continue a month on the same terms as before, and then they might come to an agreement. At the end of the month they made a similar contract with Mr. Metcalf for a year, "or so long therein as God shall enable him." It was specified "that if any inhabitant shall take any child or children to that end to send them to schoole" the schoolmaster might refuse to teach them until they gave him satisfaction. It was also provided

that he shall be required no more highe waye work but only one daye work of one man & a teame, and one day more of a man. And no advantage shall be taken to discount for not attending the Schoole except it be discontinued a full weeke together.

But it is evident that this year was not completed according to the contract. On the 6th of the 10th month "the want of a school Mr" was a subject of debate in the board of Selectmen.

The following record of the Selectmen introduces the next Schoolmaster.

6. of 10 [mo] 59 . . being met to finish the Countrey Rate. the consideration of the want of a schoolm^r being p[ro]posed it is vpon debating the case resolved to give a calle to Thomas Marret jun^r of Cambridg to keep the schoole for a quarter of a yeare vpon the allowance p[ro]portionable to the sallary formerly agreed vpon in that case that is 5^l for that quarter & to be pd halfe in wheat and half in other corne.

A brief trial of Master Marret resulted in his favor; and four days later the Selectmen

"Agreed with Thomas Marrett that he shall continue to keepe the schoole in Towne so long as to make the time one whole yeare from the time he began, that is, the 3 of January 1659, for the Summe of 20^l to be pd one halfe in wheat and the other halfe in Indian Corne at price Current in Towne being merchantable; and he undertakes to attend the teaching of the schollars sent to Schoole according as the former schoolm^r. Michall Metcalfe did engage."

On the eleventh of Feb. 1660 another agreement is made with Master Marret which for quaintness and caution is a curiosity.

Agreed with Tho Marritt to keep the Schoole in this Towne: for halfe a yeare: to teach all such children as shall be sent to him to write and to reade so far as god shall inable him with all diligenc and for the same he is to have: the full summe of of tenn pounds. to be payd. the one halfe in wheate at four shillings 10 penc for bushell: and the other half in endene corne: at 3 shillings per bushell to be payed quarterly or at every quarters end five pounds; and he is to begine the one and twentieth of the 11 mo. 1660 and to continue till the one and twentieth of the 5 mo. 61 and in cause the select men shall se cause to provide a nother in that time for a nother halfe yeare or not to have a Schoole kept a nother halfe yeare they are to giue the sayd Thomas two monthes warning that he may provide him selfe else wheare. other wise he is to proceed for the other halfe yeare for the same price and pay: and at the same rate as above specified for the other half yeare; and if the sayd Tho shall omit keeping of the Schoole upon any ochasione on hoole weeke: he shall be acovntable

for it; but if upon ocaasion he omite two or thre dayes ; in a weeke : so that he keep parte of the week : thier is nothing required of him for it."

This record was made by Timothy Dwight, the ancestor of at least two college presidents ; he was town clerk of Dedham in 1661.

Thomas Marret was the son of Deacon Thomas Marret of Cambridge, and was probably known in Dedham because his sister Abigail married Daniel Fisher of this town. In 1664 he was in New London, Connecticut, employed as a scrivener for that town. He was appointed custom-master for the port of New London in 1668, and on December 15th of the same year was chosen Marshal of New London County, which latter office he resigned in 1674. Miss Caulkins in her "History of New London" (page 314) states that he "was, for several years, the most conspicuous attorney in the place," and that his name disappears "from the rolls of living men, about 1685." Mr. Marret evidently did not complete his second year, and the town showed its confidence in the venerable master Metcalf by making with him another covenant on the 24th of the 5^{mo} 1661. As a specimen of exact bargaining, characteristic of old times, we will venture to give it entire :

Agreed with Michall Metcalfe to keepe the schoole so longe time as god shall inable him for seaven shilinges eight penc a weke the schoole to be kept in the parlor of the dweling house some time Frances Chickringes deceased : to teach the malle children that shall be sent to him by the inhabitance the sayd Michall do ingage to teach them to reade and to wright English as they shall be capable : in considration where of we the select men do ingage and promise to pay vnto the say[d] Michall his ex[e]cetors or asignes at the ende of the quarter for so longe a time as he keepe schoole : seaven shilinges eight penc a weeke : viz. halfe in wheat at the price the biscat bakers take when it is dew and the other halfe in rye or Endine corne at the price it pas curant from man to man : and all good and merchantable corne to be delivered at his dweling house : more over that woode for the fire be layd in at the schoole house : a hachet and belows to be

provided all so it is at our liberty when we please to put in hooome we think goode to keepe the schoole and we grant the like librtty to the sayd Michall to leaue of the schoole at any time when he shall see cause : not with standing : any thing expresed in eyther of thes covenants above sayd : shall not hinder the sayd Michall in his just librtty or absence from schoole vpon any speciall ochasions or providences that may be fall and that no advantage shall be taken so as to detayne any parte of his wages for some times : being nessesarily taken of from the schoole provided : if it shall be aboue a weekes time : it shall then be discounted : other wise not : the schoole to begine the first of the 6mo 1661 provided that the in habitanc take no children from other Townes to put them to schoole if any do so they shall agree with the schooll master.

Under this agreement Master Metcalf continued his labors probably till the spring of 1663. He died December 24, 1664. He was a beloved teacher, and his name should be honored.

The next Schoolmaster was John Swinerton. He was covenanted with as his predecessor had been, but in terms somewhat different, as the town probably then contained nearly a hundred families, and one capable of teaching Latin would soon be required by the Statute of 1647.

A part of the record is as follows :

Novuember 22 1653 . . . the said m^r Swinareton is to teach such male childeringe as are sent to him to wright & read & the use of retmitick as they are capable and the Latten tounge so fare as he can & to trie for one quarter of a yeare houe he may sute with the Towne & the Towne take content with him & so to continue for a year if there be a concurance between the Towne & him.

His term of service seems to have been half a year. Afterwards he settled as a physician in Salem, where he was respected for his skill and esteemed for his benevolence. A Latin book for elementary instruction, Brinsley's *Accidence*, containing John Swinerton's name, written in 1652, was formerly in the possession of William B. Fowle, of Boston. This book, consisting of questions and answers, was published in 1612, and was generally used in the schools of England. The

Accidence of Ezekiel Cheever was published about 1650, and took the place of Brinsley's book in America. Dr. Swinerton died in Salem, January 6, 1691, aged 57.

The Town seems to have been compelled to come back to its home supply of instruction. One who is unable to endure the hard labor of subduing the forest and raising "wheat & other corne" is supposed to be worth trying in the not less useful work of teaching, as is shown by the following record :

6. of 2. 64. Assemb. after Lecture. . . . In consideration of the p'sent want of a school master and of the weakly estate of o' Br Joseph Ellice he being willing and we being hopefull he may doe Some good in teaching Some childeren to read English. for p'sent and vntill one more able may be attayned, doe agree and order. that forth-with notice be given that he shall begin to teach at the schoolhouse the next two daye and that he shall have 6^s p week so long as he shall so teach and that this shall be p'pounded to the Towne the next lectur daye that the mind of the Towne may be known therein.

There is no doubt that the Town assented to the choice of "Br. Joseph Ellice," and that his teaching was satisfactory. When he had labored in his new vocation a half year or more, the following entry was made :

22: of 9: 64: Assemb: afternoon . . . being mett to make the Rate to paye the Schoolmaster at 8^s 6^d each Scholler the number of Schollers being 45. and estates rated at $\frac{1}{4}$ ^d p[er] £

This was to pay Mr. Ellice for a year's work ; 85 persons were rated, the largest tax being that of Rev. John Allin, 15^s 9^d ; the smallest, of " Elnath : Dunckly," 5^d.

A second year's service is implied in this record :

10: of 11 mo 1665 . . . A bill is given to Joseph Ellice to reseave of the Constable 15^l—12^s in full for his sallary for keepeing the Schoole this p'sen yeare.

To earn this amount at 6 shillings per week, he must have taught 52 weeks.

He continued in the work the next year, and another record shows his last engagement in the service of the Town.

19 : of 9 : 1666 . . . It is ordered that Joseph Ellice shall keepe the schoole one halfe yeare more and is to haue the same payem^t that he haue formly had for the like time to begin againe the next 2 daye being the 26. of 9. 66 :

The last record relative to him is this :

28 : 10 : 66 . . . A bill is giuen to Joseph Ellice to receaue 7^l 16^s of the Constable in pt of payem^t for keepeing Schoole.

So this man of "weakly estate" taught the school three years, and no fault was found in his record. He became a townsman January 11, 1651. He does not appear on the records as a church member; but he is there called "brother Ellice." His name is on the rate bills till 1671, but in 1672 "Vid : Ellice" takes its place: this seems to show approximately the date of his death.

Samuel Man, a youth of twenty years and a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1665, appears as a teacher in Dedham in the summer of 1667. The covenant with him was brief but definite.

13 : 3 : 67 Assemb. after Trayneing . . . Agreed with m^r Samuel Man. to teach the male Children of this Towne that shall be sent to him in English writeing. Grammar. and Arithmeticke for the space of one whole yeare from 27th of this Instant moneth. for which he is to receaue 20^l in Such paym^t and at such prizes as the Countrey Rate shall accept for that yeare. one halfe to be payed at the end of each halfe yeare. at his assignm^t in Dedham.

Subscribed SAMUELL MAN :

Grammar here evidently means Latin Grammar, or Cheever's Accidence and Latin preparatory to College. This teacher appears to have been much esteemed, being doubtless more scholarly than his immediate predecessors. Probably about this time the number of families in Dedham made it necessary to maintain a grammar school in which boys could be fitted for college. Before Mr. Man's first year was completed the selectmen recorded their action as follows :

27 : 2. 68. Assemb : afternoone. . . It is agreed and ordered that if m^r Samuell Man will accept of the same covenant made with him the

last year : both for what he shall doe and w^t paye he shall receaue for salleray for that yeare he shall be schoole master for the yeare next ensuing the end of the yeare he covenanted for.

The young man continued his duties and, as the end of the year approached, we find still further proof of his popularity in the following record :

26 : 2 : 69. Assemb. to consider the Schoolem^m continuance Our Rever^d Pasto^r being p^rsent

Lieft Fisher	Ensig : Fisher	Pet : Woodward
Serg ^t Averey	Serg ^t Fuller	Tymo : Dwight
	Elea : Lusher	

It is, by vnanimous voate resolved to desire M^r Man to continue to keepe schoole in Town one yeare more. after the present year is expired

Mr Man being p^rsent upon call, it being p[ro]pounded to him whether he would attend the same worke of keepeing schoole according to his former couen^t for one yeare more and accept of 20^l pounds for his sallary in Corn at price Currant. who accept of and engage to p[ro]ceed accordingly.

The next year the same covenant is renewed except "he recaeue no Indian corne vpon this account for more than 3^a p bushell."

In 1671 Mr Man was re-elected, and also in 1672, when the record indicates that other plans are in his mind.

26 : 2 : 72—Assemb. towards night . . vpon treatie wth M^r Sam^l Man. he accept of agreem^t tendered to him to keepe the Schoole in this Towne for the space of one yeare more after his p^rsent yeare is expired upon the same tearmes that he agreed vpon 13 : 3 : 67. allwayes excepting his engagem^t to Wollomonuppage [Wrentham]. and vpon that occasion. he to giue the Selectmen two monthes notice. that they may supply themselues.

The fact that the Selectmen were within a few months trying to "supply themselves" proves that Mr. Man soon left the school to enter upon his other engagement. He will disappear from Dedham for a season, to return a little later. But a curious entry in the Records attests his honesty and fidelity in little things.

13 : 10 : 72 . . This day m^r Man sent 6^d in money in satisfaction for three quarrells of glase broken by the schollers while he kept the schole, which is left in the hands of Nath. Fisher.

Mr. Man cast in his lot with the settlers of Wrentham, and the Selectmen put on record their efforts to secure a successor.

17 : 4 : 72. Assemb. to treat wth M^r Burroughs about keeping the schoole.

Eld ^r Hunting	Ensi : Fisher	Sergt : Fuller
Lieft : Fisher	Edw : Richards	Elea : Lusher

The covenant made with M^r Man 13 : 3 : 67 and often since renewed being read to M^r Burroughs and tendered to be p[er]formed to him for one yeare next ensuing after a daye to be appointed M^r Burroughs accept it not

This hitch in the negotiations showed Mr. Burroughs to be a man of decided views and seems to have made the Dedham authorities more anxious than before to secure his services. This appears in a record two days later :

19 : 4 : 72 . . vpon further consideration of supply of our schoole by m^r Burrough. and haueing receaued a message from him by brother Robert fuller in answer to a letter of ours to this effect. that where as we haue p[ro]vided that M^r Burrough may be entertayned for Ten pounds p an. he desire that the other Ten pounds due to himself may without his care be turned into such comoditie or specie. as himself shall need. or order. in answer whereto. the Selectmen haueing sent for severall bretheren to advise with in this difficultie. onely Bro: Avery being come to us doe agree vpon this necessitie to vndertake to answer his request expecting that the Towne will join in accomplishm^t hereof and order that M^r Burrough be speedily enformed accordingly.

How far this attempt to enter upon a course of specie payment was continued, we are not able to show. That it was not entirely successful is evident from the final entry in the town book relating to this case.

28 6 73 A bill is giuen to M^r Burroughs to recave of the constable 10^l-00^s-00^d : 3^l-5^s-0^d in mony : 6^l-15^s-0^d in corne for the full discharge of his years salery for keeping the schoole :

This Mr. Jeremiah Burroughs was the son of Jeremiah Burroughs of Scituate, and was born in 1651. He had an assignment of common lands in that town in 1699. His son was married to Hannah Ewell, and was in Marshfield in 1710. Mr. Burroughs taught in Dedham one year and was followed by one of the older citizens of the town.

14: 10: 74 . . . Agreed with Tho Battely to keepe the schoole for one quarter of a year: for the salery vsually given vnto Schoole Masters and is to begin the 21 of this instant: agreed this to be posted vp: and notice given to bring in wood:

The fact that only a few months later, February 22, 1674, the following arrangement was made, indicates a scarcity of teachers:

The Towne beinge presented for beinge defectiue in want of a schoole Master: Cap Dan Fisher was chosen to Answer the presentment according to summons.

New settlements were forming rapidly, and many new fields were opening for young men of learning and ability. So, for several years, Master Battelle occasionally held the position of teacher for two or three months at a time. This was the case in 1674 and 1675. In 1676 Mr. Man having been obliged to abandon Wrentham on account of Indian hostilities, was reinstated and continued in school three years, till 1679, when he again returned to his flock, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was not ordained till April 13, 1692. He married Esther, the daughter of Robert Ware of Dedham, May 13, 1673. They had six sons and five daughters. He died May 22, 1719; and among his most honored descendants is Horace Mann.

Michael Metcalfe

reappears as the schoole master in 1679 the 17th day of the 10th month [December]

to teach all the mall children that shall be sent to him to Read and wright and cast Accounts according to the best skill he Hath and what so ever else is proper to scholars that he is capable to teach them: . . .

In 1680 Mr. Battelle¹ is covenanted with on the 17th of the 11th month

to keepe the schoole vntell the 24th of June next ensueing. vnles there shall some other appear who may be thout more meete to manage that worke.

Mr. Battelle evidently did not continue many days in the school, as the record shows that another was called to the place. A few months previous to his last appointment, an event occurred which changed the prospects of the school. This will now be introduced by the record of the transaction.

28: 4: 80 . . . Doc Will Avery doth tender mony sixty pounds for the incoragment of a latine Schoole in this Towne provided ther be such incoragmt to a [s]choole as may be sutable of the Townes part and to that en[d] to treet with him refering to his conditions we chose Cap^t Dan Fisher and En Tho Fuller.

8 10mo 1680 . . . Cap^t Dan Fisher made a return of the trust comitted to him selfe an En Tho Fuller of a some of mony of sixty pounds given to the Towne and the Improument for the benefit of a Latine Schoole. The returne is as followeth be it Here by declared that I Will Avery Phisision now resedent in Boston: some times of the Church of Dedham do out of my intire loue to the Church and Towne thier frely giue the full some of sixty pound in mony thier of to be Holy for the incoragmt of a latin Schoole as shall be from time to time so ordered by the elders or elder of that Church and select men for the time being desiring other hom god shall make able may adde thier vnto that a latine Schoole may generally be maintayned thier and this to stand vpon record in thier towne Booke

This gift increased the interest in the school and caused a larger appropriation to be made.

14-1-1680-1 . . . it being proposed to the Towne whether they will allow twenty two pounds by the year to a latten schoolemaster whereof seaven pounds shall be mony besides the incom of that 60 pounds given doctor Avery. it was voated in the afirmative.

¹The Dedham Historical Society has in its possession an elegant oak chair, given as a memorial of this schoolmaster, the ancestor of the Battelle family in America, by one who is distinguished for his liberal gifts to educational institutions. The chair bears a silver plate on which is engraved the following: "Thomas Battelle, Selectman, 1677, 1678, 1686, 1688. Town Clerk, 1687, 1688. Given by Robbins Battell, Norfolk, Conn, a descendant."

The question being put whether the care of providing A lattin School Master shall be left to the care of the selectmen it was voated in the Affirmatiue

The select men have deputed Nath: Stearns to treat with Capt Hinksman his son about keepeing schooll

"Capt. Hinksman his son" was who entered upon his duties as Latin School master at the beginning of the year 1681,

Richard Hinchman

and remained in office till the autumn of 1685. As his father was for a time one of the assistant teachers of the Boston Latin School, it is highly probable that Richard was educated there. There is nothing on record to show the character of his teaching. He seems to have been free to make known the wants of his school, and the town always cheerfully supplied them. Robert Avery received of the constable

4. 3-1681 . . three shillings six pence in or as many for A payer of tongs for the use of the schooll

12-10-81 . . the schoole Master complaineing that there want seates for the children and A table Deacon Aldus is desired and deputed to doe what is necessary in that respect.

The donation of Dr. Avery was managed according to the wish of the donor, as we infer from the following:

22. 11. 1683 . Assembled Insi Fuller Dea Aldus Serg^t Ellic Serg^t Pond Serg^t Metcalfe Willi Auery Nath Stearnes with the Reu^d Elders to order & dispose of the money giuen by Doct Willi Avery for the vse of A lattin Schooll

Ensi Tho Fuller Serg^t Daniel Pond and Sergt Tho Metcalfe are desired and impowered wth the Rev^d elders and Select men to take care of and to dispose of the money aboue said so as it may be secure and improved for the end mentioned.

What the annual income of this gift added to the master's salary, no record discloses. Dr. Avery's hope that it would be increased by other donations was not realized. The name of the Avery School in East Dedham is all that now remains to remind us of his liberality.

After the danger from Indian hostilities ceased, the settlers were more widely scattered, and it was not easy for all to enjoy the privileges of education at one school. This led to some complaints about the mode of taxation, and an attempt was made to equalize the burdens.

At A generall meeting of the Inhabitants 10-1-1684-5-

This Day the Committee chosen 1-11-1694 to consider of Some just and equall way, whereby to raise the schoolemasters Sallery did present their thouts in Severall queries or propositions which being seueraly scanned and considered the inhabitants did vote as followeth viz

1 That the one half of the Schoole charges as well for quality as for quantity shall be raised upon the ratable estate of our inhabitants whether nearer to the school or further of.

2 that all such persons as dwell within one mile and a quarter from the School haveing male children shall pay for each such child five shillings A year from six years old to twelve years old

3 that those that dwell within two miles and A halfe of the Schoole and beyond the mile and quarter: shall pay two shillings six pence A year for their male childrin from seaven years old to twelve years old.

4 that gramer scholeres shall be rated and pay to the Schoole five shillings p head more than english scholers that dwell within A mile and quarter of the schoole.

5. that those inhabitants that dwell more than two miles and A halfe from the schoole shall be freed from all charge of rates vpon their childrens heades for the school vntel they shall receive benefit thereby, and then shall be rated and pay as those within A mile and quarter: alewayes provided that such childrin be taken care of, so as they be sufficiently taught to read and wright.

6. that the one halfe of the schoole charge shall be raised vpon the heades of children according to those rules of proportion above mentioned.

A Tax bill of January 26, 1684-5, is on record

wherein each inhabitant is assessed thre farthings in the pound one third to be paid in money and two thirds in corne to defrey Town charges and part of the Schooll master's Sallery and the other part [of the Salary] is raised vpon the childrin.

The amounts are put opposite the parents' names to the right of the amounts on estates. Thirty-five parents are taxed for 49 children. Very soon after that the school tax was levied as before on "persons and estates."

26 August 85 . . . m^r Hinchman declares his earnest desir to be dismiss from keeping the School declareing that it would be very great detrement to hime to be holden longer in it. vnto which desir of his after serious consideration the Select men returned this Answer, viz^t, that they were not willing to hold hime; it being So much to his damiage, but desired that he would continue in that work So long as he conueaniantly could; and further agreed to make A motion to James Thorp and to his Son peter that he, viz^t, peter would keepe schooll in m^r Hinkmans Stead and desired and deputed Serg^t metcalfe and Nath : Stearnes to treat with them vpon that account.

14 September 85 at A general Town meeting after traineing it was proposed to the inhabitants whether they were willing that the Select-men should agree with Peter Thorpe to keepe the Schoole to which they answer and declare by their vote that they are not willing

Mr. Henchman soon left Dedham, and some years later was the master of a writing school in Boston. His successor was Joseph Holbrook, who evidently did not enter upon his duties with the purpose of continuing a long time in the Town's service. The recorded contract is nearly all we are able to give concerning him.

22 September [1685] . . . This Day we made an agreement with m^r Holbrook to keepe the Schoolle and to teach such children as come to reade and wright both English and latin acording to his abilety and their capasities for the Space of one halfe year absolutly: and So much longer after the halfe year is out as he can without damiage to hime Selfe. and he is to begin the halfe yeare the fifth day of October which will end the fifth day of April 86 for which servc that halfe year he is to receive Seaven pounds in corn pay and five pounds in money, and so proportionably for what time he shall continue longer in that servic.

The "halfe year absolutly" was not completed, as the following statement explains.

1 11 1685 . . . The Towne beinge Indebted to m^r Joseph Holbrooke: for keepinge the school as doth appeare: three pound ten shilings the Select men order Timothy Dwight to giue thoes that leagally dema[n]d it a bill to the present Constables, James Thorp and Nathaniell Chickring 1⁴-8⁰-0 in mony and 2⁴-2⁰-0 in comon Town payment the time that the schoole was kept was seuen weekes and 8 days

Mr. Holbrook was not a graduate of Harvard College; but perhaps he may have once been a student there. In Thatcher's Journal (Teele's Milton, p. 653), under the date Dec. 6, 1683, the author says, on returning home: "I found a College scholar viz. Holbrook at my house waiting for me with whom I spent most of the afternoon." This may refer to the Dedham schoolmaster.

The next master was John Eliot. The only information concerning him is obtained from a few accounts of money and "corne" which he received for his services.

27 10 1686 . . . A bill is giuen to m^r Eliot Schoolmaster to receaue of Constabl Thorp two pounds ten shilings and of Constabl Richard[s] two pound ten shilling. 5¹ 0⁰ 0⁰ in mony.

April 25 [1687] A bill is giuen m^r Jn^o Eliot schoolem^r & receiue of James Thorpe and Nathanell Richards Constables fourtie shillings in money, & three pounds in corne paym^t; more to receiue three pounds of the comitte intrusted with the schoole money viz^t ens Fuller Lief^t Pond serg^t Metcalfe. this bill returned [Avery's donation]

August 19 . . . Ens Thomas Fuller p^rsent a bill under the hand of m^r Jn^o Eliot Late schoolem^r wherin m^r Eliot owne the receipt of twenty shillings in silver of Ens Tho: Fuller as a part of the money due to him

This John Eliot was the son of Rev. John Eliot of Newton, and grandson of the apostle to the Indians. He was born April 28, 1667; was fitted for college by Gen. Daniel Gookin, and graduated at Harvard College in 1685; was an attorney at Windsor, Connecticut; a speaker of the House of Deputies, and Judge of the Harvard County court. He died March 25, 1719. [See Sibley's "Harvard Graduates," Vol. III, page 339.]

At this time it was extremely difficult to obtain a Latin master, and rather than be entirely without a school, the services of Thomas Battelle were again obtained for two months, December and January, 1790-1. Under the circumstances, this was the best the town could do, and yet it was not satisfactory to all. The selectmen recorded the result as follows :

11:3:91 . . . haueing notice from y^e Honr^d Court that y^e towne is presented for want of a Gramer Schoole, and allso that y^e selectmen aper att Court y^e twelft of this Instant to answer y^e presentm^t we haue desired and impoured ezra mors to answer y^e same att Court.

We presume that when "brother Morse" informed the Court that so good a man as Thomas Battelle had been employed a part of the year, the good intentions of the town were appreciated, and no fine was imposed for its seeming neglect.

It is proper to say here that Mr. Battelle was much esteemed as a citizen, and was often called to engage in public affairs. He married Mary, the daughter of Joshua Fisher, September 5, 1648; became a freeman in 1654; died February 8, 1706, and in the record is styled "the aged."

On the 29th day of July, 1691, in the record of a general meeting there is this statement :

Agreed With Joseph Lord to keepe y^e Schoole one halfe yeare the time to begin in y^e 4 day of August 1691 for which seruice he is to haue foure pound in money and eight pound ten shillings in corne at price currant.

Mr. Lord was born in Charlestown, and had just graduated at Harvard College. He taught in Dedham two years; afterwards was ordained, and in 1697 went with his Church to Dorchester, South Carolina, where he died in 1748.

The custom of prefixing "Sir" to the names of the school-teachers first appears in the Dedham records, thus :

6th 5: 1691 . . . Tho Medcalf is Desired and appoynted to agree with Sir Lord of Charlstown to keep y^e schoole in this Towne for one yeare.

This respectful mode of address continued about twenty years.

The next contract for School-keeping was made with John Woodward, August 26, 1693, for "one quarter of the yeare and to recave mony two pounds and in corn fower pound five shilings." He began his work Sept. 4, 1693, and continued to keep the School two years, as long evidently as he could be retained. He was the son of Peter and Mehitabell Woodward, born in Dedham December 7, 1671, and fitted for college in the Dedham "Latin School," under the instruction of Master Man; graduated from Harvard College in 1693; was ordained at Norwich, Connecticut, December 6, 1699; married Mrs. Sarah Rowell, 1703; was dismissed September 13, 1716 because of a controversy in his Church respecting the Saybrook Platform; retired to a farm in East Haven, where he died in 1746.

December 31, 1694 . . . It was also proposed to the Town whither thay will raise maintinance for the Schoole only upon persons and estates of the inhabitance. this was voated in the affirmative.

With a few exceptional years, this had been the method of raising the schoolmaster's salary from the beginning. The school-house built in 1649, had served its purpose, and before quite completing its half century of educating and guarding the Town, gave place to an edifice of simpler construction. Its main features, though not its dimensions, may be learned from the following record. According to a preliminary agreement, made August 26, 1693, it was to be built the same length and breadth, and "windowes as extensive as the old School House."

march the 8 1694-5. Assembled Sarg^t Samuell Guild Daniel Fishar Nathaniell Bullard and William Avery To goe threw with the agreement with John Baker concerning the Schoole house & doe agree that the Said John Baker Shall goe on and build the Schoole house finding all timber bords clauboards Shingles naills glasse brick stone & clay. & borde the outside & claubord the Inside & make it close warme and desent suitable to such a Schoole house & to make one doore & two windowes containing twelue foots of glasse also a good

Stone Chimny nine foots between gams and to carry it out of the house with good brick twelue cors of brick aboue the house & to find whatsoeuer else is nesecery & to finish said house to the turning of the kay and the aboue said house to be finished by the first of June 1695 Excepting the upar flore & claubording the Inside which flore claubording is also to be finished by the twenty fifth day of october next after the date herof for and in consideration of this aboue written we the Select men of Dedham doe agree in the behalfe of the towne that the abouesaid John Baker shall Receiue of the Town of Dedham twenty shilings in mony att the time when said School house is raised and fiue teen pounds ten shilings att the twenty fifth day of february next to be payed in corn in Rye at four shiling per bushel & Indian corn at three shilings par bushell & so much as shall be payed of this fifteen pounds ten shilings in mony the Said John Baker shall abate one fourth part thereof he is also to Receiue the old Schoole house with what belongs thereto & the Stone & clay of the Towns lying by it

the aboue said mony and corn to be payed to John Baker to him his Heyers or Sussesers To oblige to the faithfull performance of the whole above written we have here unto set our hands this aight day of March 1694-5

JOHN BAKER

In the Name & by order of the Select men

WILLIAM AVERY Town clerk

The first schoolhouse was sometimes so cold as to interrupt the school; the new one, with its fire-place "nine foots between gams," could be warmed if the supply of wood did not fail. The question of ventilation would also give no trouble. The new house with its "inside claubording," and chimney "nine foots between gams," was first occupied by "Sir" Joseph Morse, who had just received his degree from Harvard College in 1695. The covenant with him is brief, as long usage had established the general duties and obligations of schoolmasters.

August 28 1695 . . . This day the Select men have agreed with Joseph Mors to keep the Schoole for which he is to Receive of the Town after the Rate of twenty five pounds by the year whereof aight pounds is to be mony the other Seventeen pounds corn Rye at four shilings per bushell & Indian corn att three shilings per bushell

Sir Mors has begun upon the work of keep the schoole the second day of September 1695

After teaching a year in Dedham, Mr. Morse preached for a time to the Indians in some part of the Connecticut Colony ; but finally returned to " Punkapoag Plantation," now Canton, and was ordained pastor of the church there October 30, 1717. He died November 29, 1732, in the sixty-first year of his age, and was buried in the old Canton cemetery.

At this time the public interest in education manifested itself in an effort to endow the school with real estate. The manner in which this laudable work was carried out is best described by the following record :

March the 16 1695-6. The propriators of the common lands belonging to this Town of Dedham being met according to their appoyntment and notis given at the Generall Town meeting the second day of this Instant March to consider what might be nesessary to be done for the securing and regulating of their propriaty

It was then proposed to the Said propriator, Whither they will Grant a tract or parcell of upland medow & swamp to the Quantity of three hundred acres to be wholly to the use and benefit of a Schoole toward the maintinance thereof in this Town of Dedham in that tract of land neer Sudbery of the best of their land medow & swamp there that which may be most prophitable towards the maintinance of a Schoole which they will lay out order and Improve to that end by a commity which they will Chose and appoynt to that work this was granted in the afirmative.

Accordingly the propriator choose a Commity to lay out Said tract or parcell of land for the benefit of the Schoole. the Commity Chosen are Cap^t Timothy Dwight, Jonathan Gay and John Smith

The school farm was laid out ; but we shall soon find that as land it did not prove to be a source of much revenue. At least it was not deemed best to retain the property in that form, and there is no proof that any income was ever received from it as a farm.

In 1696 the town began to pay the salary of the school-master entirely in money, as the following record indicates :

Assembled { Serg^t Thomas Metcalfe John Fuller { Selectmen
November: 16 1696 { Leu^t Samvell Guild & William Avery }

The above said Select men in behalfe of the Town of Dedham Agreed with m^r Samuel Whitman to keep the Schoole this present year for which service as Schoole master being dvly performed the Said m^r Samvell Whitman is to Receive of the Town twenty five pounds in money in two eqvall payments the first after six monthes Schooling the second after the year is expired Said schoole master began to keep the Schoole the third week in November 1696

Mr. Whitman taught the school about a year and a half. He had graduated from Harvard College in 1696. After leaving Dedham he was employed in teaching the grammar school of Salem in 1699. In 1706 he was ordained pastor of the church in Farmington, Connecticut. He was a Fellow of Yale College from 1724 to 1746, and died in August, 1751, aged 75. As a minister of the gospel he was eminent for his ability, zeal, and usefulness.

The custom seems to be now established of employing in the school men of liberal education, capable of fitting boys for college. Their terms of service were not long; but the school was doubtless managed with a good degree of uniformity. When we consider the character of the men as shown by their life work, we cannot doubt the excellence of their labors, and the value of their influence on the young people of Dedham.

The next teacher was a young man who had just graduated from Harvard, and claimed to be a descendant of that John Fox, whose Book of Martyrs has made his name familiar.

July the 8 [1698] . . m^r John Fox is agreed with to keep the Schoole and began that work the 29 of August & to receive 25 lb & keep him a hors

June 22 : 1700 . . . This day upon Reckoning with m^r John Fox Schoolemaster for keeping Schoole in Dedham one year and three quarters and there remains due to Said Schoole master six pounds & fifteen Shilling thirteen thereof is for keeping his hors at his own charge

Master Fox was the son of the Rev. Jabez Fox of Woburn, who graduated from Harvard College in 1665. The son was

ordained as successor of his father October 14, 1703, and died December 12, 1756, in his seventy-seventh year. His long ministry of over fifty years may indicate that the town acted wisely in agreeing "to keep him a hors." He was, however, of a hardy stock. His mother died in her ninety-ninth year, being the widow of Col. Jonathan Tyng. Mr. Fox published a discourse on the earthquake of 1728.

Under Master Fox the school entered a new century. It had belonged to the 17th; it had passed through the privations and dangers peculiar to that century of New England life; it now emerged into the eighteenth century, where there was more of security, and consequently, of stability also. It has been progressive, and we may be confident that it will continue to advance as the town itself grows in population and wealth.

It will be appropriate here to say a few words concerning the text books of that period. The Arithmetics of the early schools were very unlike the modern books of that name. They contained no problems for the pupils to solve. Under each rule one or two examples were fully explained; and the teacher furnished others to exercise the learner's skill. So every schoolmaster had to be equipped with one or more manuscript books of "Sums" which he could set for his scholars. These were doubtless the product of his own busy school days, when he learned in order that he might teach others. The Arithmetic of Robert Record, enlarged and printed in 1630, was used by Master Michael Metcalf, as before stated.

Before the year seventeen hundred but few books were used in the school. Reading was learned by the beginners from the "English Primer," which contained among other things a prayer of Edward VI; verses by John Rogers, the martyr; and the Westminster Catechism. This book cost four pence. After the Primer, the Psalter was read, and by the older scholars the Testament and the Bible. The intense desire of the Puritans that their children should be able to read and understand the holy scriptures caused the Bible to hold a prominent place in

the school. It was not only read, but carefully studied. As the children heard it daily quoted in their homes, where religious doctrines were a constant theme of discussion, they took more interest in it than in any other book ; and so, by studying it in the school, laid the foundations of that knowledge which gave them a just appreciation of the religious privileges which were the pride and the safeguard of the State.

The oldest spelling book I have seen makes a part of a small volume printed in 1720, probably in Boston, under this title: "The Youth's Instructor in the English Tongue." Besides spelling it treats of penmanship and reading, both prose and poetry ; devotes several pages to arithmetic, business forms, and Bills of Exchange. As the first thirty-two pages are missing, the author's name cannot be determined ; but to his credit it may be said that the work is well composed and contains a larger amount of useful information than is often found in a school book of its size. Certainly, if boys and girls mastered its contents, they would not be very deficient in the three r's. Their knowledge of penmanship would be most thorough, such as we often see exhibited in old manuscripts that almost defy imitation. Writing in those days was treated as a fine art, and was interesting because ornamental. It is certainly a step backward towards barbarism to leave out of penmanship all considerations of beauty and treat it only as a matter of mere utility.

In some schools and probably in that of Dedham, "The English Schoole Master" was, in a literary sense, the highest book in reading. This contained some of the best literary material of that century in both prose and verse, and resembled in a degree the school readers of the present day.

A work on arithmetic by James Hodder was in common use in New England. Leybourn's Arithmetic also had its career in the Colonial schools. But there is nothing to indicate that these books were owned by many of the scholars who learned the art chiefly by "working the sums" set by the masters.

“ Oldcastle’s Book Keeping ” was the principal authority in the early schools ; and no doubt Thomas Battelle was guided by this work in teaching the Dedham youth “ to cast accounts.” In Latin, Brinsley’s or Cheever’s *Accidence* prepared the way for Eutropius, Caesar, Cicero and Virgil, and the course was continued till the boy could be honestly recommended to the College.

How one man could teach such a range of studies we can hardly imagine. He would certainly have little time for moral suasion in managing his subjects, and we can easily excuse him if he did lubricate the wheels of school government somewhat freely with the “ oil of birch.” However, the school day was long ; in summer it probably began at seven A. M., and ended at five P. M., with an intermission of an hour ; in winter, or from the first of November to the first of March, the hours were from eight to four. These were the hours in the Salem Grammar School, according to Felt’s *Annals*, and no doubt there was a general uniformity in the schools of the Colony. But we have reason to believe that the younger pupils were generally sent home at an earlier hour, and the grammar scholars recited their lessons undisturbed in the last half of the afternoon session. They did not regard this as a hardship, such was their zeal for learning. Besides, their fathers and elder brothers were toiling more hours every day, and doing severer work in felling the forest and preparing the fields for cultivation.

A desire to derive an income from the “ schoole farme ” induced the town to put it upon sale March 13, 1699, “ for money to be improved for the benefit of the schoole.”

It was put to the Towne whether thay wlll choos a committy of three men to make sale of said schoole farme and give deed of conuaiance & receive the money for it in the behalfe of the Town to be delivered by the said committy to such as the Town shall appoynt to Receive said money that it may be Improved wholly for the benifit of a Schoole in Dedham towards the maintinance thereof this was answered in the afirmative the Committy choosen thereunto are Sargt Daniell Fisher John Baker and Sargt Eleazer Kingsbery.

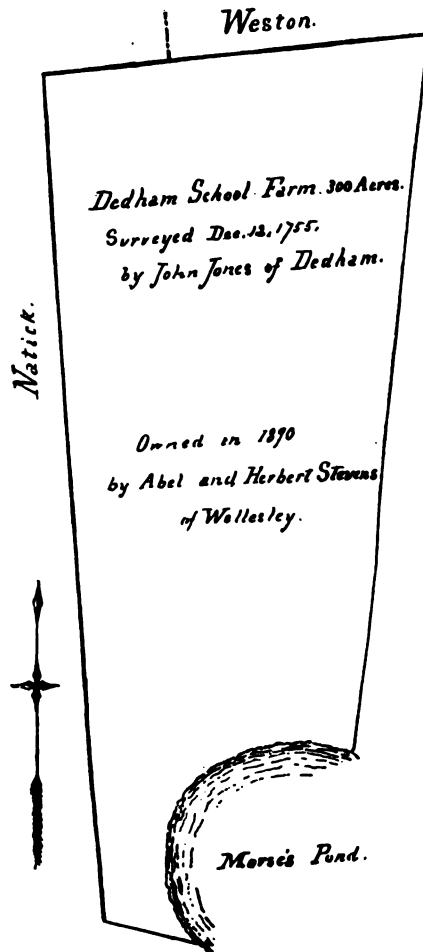
In accordance with this vote the committee sold the school farm of 300 acres to Jonathan Gay for fifty pounds. The deed of conveyance is dated Jan. 1, 1699-700, "the 12th year of his

majesty's reign, King William 3d." This farm lies in the northwest angle of the present town of Wellesley, about a mile from Wellesley College, and in 1890 was owned by Abel and Herbert Stevens of Wellesley. The accompanying plan is from a survey made in 1755, by John Jones of Dedham, the owner at that time being Jeremiah Gay.

But the desire of the town to increase the income of the school fund was soon overpowered by sympathy for an unfortunate townsman. The following record is too expressive of old fashioned benevolence to be omitted.

May 13: 1700.. The Town taking into Consideration the great loss which Timothy Whiting hath suffered by the burning of his Corn mill, have Granted to the said Timothy Whitting the use of five & twenty pounds of the money

which is to be received in part of pay for the schoole farme, provided he give good security for the Same to the Commity appoynted to



make Sale of said farme for the use of Town toward the maintinance of a Schoole, and that the said Timothy shall have the Improvement of said money for this present year without paying any use or rent for the Same.

In March, 1702, the town voted to place the money received from the sale of the school farm in the hands of the same committee which managed the Avery fund. If there had been no waste the united fund was then one hundred and ten pounds, and it enabled the town to increase the master's salary, as they still continued to raise by tax not less than twenty pounds annually for the support of the school. William Avery, Lieut. Samuel Guild and Nathanael Gay at that time were the trustees of the money.

On the nineteenth of August, 1700, it is recorded that,

Sir Prentis began to keep the Schoole and is to receive 25 pounds for the year and kee[p]ing his horse with hay and grass.

The agreement with John Prentice was ratified by a vote of the town March 26, 1701. The recipient of this increased salary, £20 having been the previous stipend, had just graduated from Harvard College, and being a native of Newton, he may have lodged in that town and ridden to and from his work in Dedham daily. Nor did he soon weary of his employment, as will appear from the following record of a selectmen's meeting :

This 27th day of October, 1704 Reckoned with M^r John Prentice Schoole master on account of his Keeping school in Dedham four years past the fourth year ending the 24th day of this Instant October and their remains Due to said M^r John Prentice on account of said four year Keeping School twenty five pounds one shilling and three pence 25^l-1^s-3^d.

Another item in the record of this date is interesting from the fact that it contains a term which appears to have become obsolete.

To Comfort Starr to receive of Nathanael Kingsbury, constable out of the Town Rate, seven shillings for making a doore to the Schoole house, and cupbard, lock, and *snips bills*.

The "snips bills," at a later day called "sni-bills," formed a sort of hinge, consisting of two iron pins resembling snipe's bills, looped together. This hinge made large was used to fasten the body of the ox-cart to the axle. In the case recorded they were doubtless the hinges of the cupboard door.

June 30th 1705 This day Reckoned with mr John Prentice Schoole master on account of the time the said Schoole Master has kept the schoole since the former Reckoning upon the first day of this Instant June, and there is Due to him upon that account thirty-five shillings—01-15-00.

This closed five years of Mr. Prentice's service in Dedham. He began to preach in Lancaster, Mass., in 1705; was ordained pastor of the Church there March 20, 1708; and, after a successful ministry of forty years, died January 6, 1746, aged sixty-six years. That he was an able man is shown by the fact that he was chosen to preach the election sermon in 1735. The Rev. John Hancock, in a sermon before the people of Lancaster, said :

Mr. John Prentice, having obtained help of God, administered unto you for the space of forty years—he was a burning and shining light, and you rejoiced in the light for a long season.

A more extended account of his ministry and life may be found in the history of Lancaster. His father, Thomas Prentice, was said to have been one of Cromwell's body guard, and died in 1722, aged ninety-three years.

The following record introduces the next schoolmaster :

July 9th 1705 Assembled Nathanaell Gay Amos Fisher Benjamin Colburn & William Avery Selectmen and did this day agree with Sir Partrigg to Keepe the Schoole one year In Dedham & said Partrigg Schoole Master is to Receive twenty eight pounds for his labor in Keeping the schoole one year : said work being duly performed said School master began to Keep the schoole upon the twelfth day of this Instant July 1705

This was John Partridge of Hadley, Mass., the son of Col. Samuel and Mehitabel (Crow) Partridge. He was born, 1686 ;

graduated at Harvard College, 1705; and died in September, 1717. He taught the Dedham school two or three years. Where he spent the remainder of his life we have not been able to ascertain; but there are reasons for supposing that he continued to be a teacher in the towns of the Connecticut valley, and that he ended his days in the town of Springfield.

The Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster returned to the Dedham School in 1707, and was employed till July 1st of that year, as we infer from the fact that a bill for teaching school to that date was paid by the town February 27, 1708.

He was succeeded by Daniel Baker, the son of John Baker of Dedham, who was born April 18, 1686, and graduated at Harvard College in 1705. He taught in Dedham until April, 1709; and in 1712 was ordained as the assistant of the Rev. Daniel Gookin of Sherborn, Mass. He married Mary Quincy, the daughter of the Hon. Edmund Quincy of Braintree. In the language of a contemporary, "he was a gentleman of bright natural parts, much improved by acquired knowledge, and powerful in preaching." He died in Sherborn, May 14, 1731.

This brief record introduces the next Schoolmaster —

The Select men have agreed with Sir Kalander to keep the School in this town who began to keep the School on the 4th day of October 1710.

Elisha Callender, son of the Rev. Ellis Callender of Boston, graduated at Harvard College in 1710, and taught in Dedham about two years. In 1718, he was ordained as pastor of the first Baptist Church in Boston, as his father's successor. The two Mathers, and Mr. Webb of the North Church joined in the service, Cotton Mather preaching the sermon entitled "Good men united." After serving the church twenty years, Mr. Callender died March 31, 1738, "beloved by people of all persuasions on account of his charitable and catholic way of thinking."

Samuel Blake next taught the Dedham youth. He graduated from Harvard College in 1711. The record of his work is as follows:

The Selectmen have agreed with sir Blake to keep the school in this town, who began on the 29th of April, 1712.

His term of service was short, closing the same year it began, and we are not able to give any account of his subsequent life, which is supposed to have ended in 1715.

Thomas Walter is introduced by the following record :

The selectmen have agreed with sir Walter to keep the school in this town who began to keep the school Dec. y^e 31, 1712.

He was one of the most brilliant young men of his time, and must have been a person of rare attractions to the citizens of Dedham. If the records are trustworthy, that he was born December 13, 1696, he was only eighteen days over sixteen years old when he took charge of the Dedham Grammar School. Being the grandson of Increase Mather and nephew of the famous Cotton Mather, and also the son of Nehemiah Walter, the admired colleague and successor of the Apostle Eliot, Thomas Walter had inherited rare abilities, and these had been developed by study and uncommon social advantages. He received his degree from Harvard College some months after coming to Dedham, that is, in 1713. He remained in Dedham as a teacher about a year and a half ; but it is evident that he continued to frequent the town, for on the 25th of December, 1718, two months after he had, by the unanimous desire of the church, been ordained as his father's colleague in the ministry of Roxbury, he carried off from Dedham, as his grand prize, Rebecca Belcher, the minister's daughter.

He was an excellent musician, and in 1721 published "Grounds and Rules of Music Explained," the first singing book "printed, with bars, in America." In his introduction to the work, he said that he had seen a congregation (was it in Dedham?) where the singing sounded "like *five hundred* different Tunes roared out at the same Time." Several editions of this book were printed, the last in 1764.

Dr. Chauncey in his sketch of eminent men in New England says : "Mr. Walter of Roxbury, son of the old gentle-

man Nehemiah, I was acquainted with, and often had occasion to admire for the superlative excellence of his natural and acquired accomplishments. He died in the prime of life: otherwise he would have been more known in the world as one of the first in New England of our truly great men." His death occurred January 10, 1724, just after he had completed his 27th year. Cotton Mather preached his funeral sermon.

We quote the record as follows:

The select men have agreed with Sir Gay to keep the school in this town who began on the second day of August 1714.

This refers to the Rev. Ebenezer Gay, D. D., born in Dedham, August 15, 1696, son of Nathaniel and Lydia (Starr) Gay, adopted daughter of Eleazer Lusher. He graduated from Harvard College in 1714, and began to teach in Dedham a few days before he had completed his eighteenth year. He was early distinguished for his scholarship, and maintained that reputation through a very long life. Gov. Burnet said that, "Among the clergy of Massachusetts, Mr. Bradstreet of Charlestown and Mr. Gay of Hingham had the most erudition." His long ministry was exercised in the famous old Hingham Church which in this year 1904 is still standing. It was sixty-eight years and nine months from his ordination to the day of his death, March 18, 1787; and if we add the time he preached in Hingham before his ordination, his ministry to one people will fall short of *seventy years* by a few months only.

Though Dr. Gay's ministry was a long one, his term of service in the Dedham school was short, and the characteristic entry in the Town Book thus announces his successor:—

The selectmen have Agreed with Sir Bradford to keep the school in this Town who began to keep December y^e 1st 1714.

This was Perez Bradford, the son of Samuel Bradford of Duxbury, and great grandson of Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth. He graduated at Harvard College in 1713 and was a teacher in Dedham only half a year. But this short residence here was not without some good influence on his fortunes; for

on May 14, 1720, the Rev. Joseph Belcher recorded that he married Mr. Perez Bradford and Mrs. Abigail Belcher. So the teacher carried away the minister's oldest daughter to Attleboro, where he was much in public life; and, after being a member of the Council of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, he died June 19, 1746.

Benjamin Bass of Braintree, the son of Joseph and Mary (Belcher) Bass, graduated in 1715; and according to the Dedham Town Book began to keep the school "on y^e first day of July 1715," and he continued this employment with great acceptance for two years. In 1728 he was ordained as the first minister of Hanover, Mass. He was prudent, diligent, devoted and beloved, and possessed a rare faculty for interesting the children of his flock. He never passed a child on the road without a kind word; and the school children were so fond of him that, on his approach, they would arrange themselves in a row, and as he passed, greet him with bows and courtesies. Mr. Bass was somewhat famous for his wit. He received a call to settle at Eel River in Plymouth; and when one asked him whether he should accept it, he replied, "No; Eel River may do for small fish, but it is not large enough for a Bass." This excellent man lived sixty-two years and died May 23, 1756.

In the year 1717 the difficulty of sending to one school from all parts of the expanding town began to call for a remedy. At a general meeting May 13, 1717,

It was further proposed to the town if [it] be their mind to have the school Removed to seuerall parts of thes town. voted in the affirmative. It was also proposed to chose a committy of 3 men to consider and propose what is proper and conuenient as to the places and time to haue sd school removed and the comity chosen by vote were Joseph Smith Amos fisher sen and John Gay tailor

Sept 9th 1717 A [t] a general meeting

It was proposed to the town if it be their mind to grant an Assessment of forty pounds for the maintainance of y^e school voted in the affirmative.

From this last vote we infer that a migratory school was expected to be more expensive than a permanent one. Who was to lead it forth on its wanderings? Certainly not Sir Bass. What wit he would have expended on the new departure, we can only guess. Let the record tell us who is to initiate the change.

William Bullard and Joseph Wight are desired to procure a school master to keep the school. Sir Belcher began to keep the school on the 18 day of Nou 1717

This was Joseph Belcher, Jr., the Dedham minister's son, who had just graduated from Harvard College. He began his work in the schoolhouse near the meeting-house and his own home, before that stone fire-place "nine foots between gams." But he was not to enjoy such generous means of warmth all winter. The Select men held a meeting Jan. 13, 1717-18, and made this record :

Whereas the town haue granted to haue the school remoued to several parts of this town. this day seuerall persons come to the select men and desired of them that the school should be removed to the house of James Fisher from the 20 day of this Jan to the general meeting in march next: the selectmen have giuen their consent that it may be so.

So the schoolmaster went to Clapboardtrees in mid-winter, and was doubtless hospitably received, as the pioneer of his class in a part of the town where good teachers have always been appreciated. Sir Belcher never complained of his fate or fare, and probably enjoyed the variety of scene which enlivened his hours of relaxation. It will not be desirable to follow the school in all its removals. Mr. Belcher journeyed with it till the spring of 1721. His last engagement for 1720-1 was at forty pounds a year, to begin the eleventh day of July. In the following record the word "dismissed" probably means released.

May the 15 1720-1. This 15 day of May the selectmen have dismissed M^r Joseph Belcher schoolmaster from keeping the school in this town.

A few years later he went to reside in Milton, on an ancestral estate, where he died in the year of American Independence.

His successor was John Wight, who was born in Dedham, April 22, 1699, and graduated from Harvard College in 1721. He then began his work of teaching, and probably studied divinity with the Dedham minister. This he continued till 1726, as appears by the records, dividing his time among three portions of the town; one-half the year at the school near the meeting-house, and the other half in equal parts at "Clapboard-trees," or West Dedham, and East street. He married Mary Pond of Dedham in 1728, and was ordained at New Marblehead (now Windsor), Maine, December 8, 1743. "Much of his pastorate," says a local historian, "was spent with his people, shut up together with their families in the old Block-house, or Province Fort. He lived fifty-three years, and his descendants are numerous." The following curious record testifies that he was not so well content with his remuneration as the people were with his services :

Dec y^e 12th 1726. Assembled y^e select men and did desire Jeremiah Fisher to treat with M^r Wight schoolmaster in order to know whether he will accept of the sum of forty pound p year for his keeping y^e school in the Town for the time past, and also whether he will Still go on to keep y^e School for the said sum of forty pound p year. And if He refuses so to do The Select men did Authorize and empower the Said Jeremiah Fisher forthwith to procure another schoolmaster.

Under the date of December 12, 1726, we find the following record :

The Select men allso did Agree with Mr. [D]wight that his son should keepe y^e schoole in this town after the Rate of fourty pounds per year who began to keep the School december the 19 1726.

The person here referred to, Daniel Dwight, son of Michael and Rachael (Avery) Dwight, was born October 28, 1707, and graduated at Harvard College in 1726. He taught the Dedham school occasionally for several years, and did not

close his labors till 1743. He died July 4, 1747, aged 39. "The Boston Weekly News-Letter" of Thursday, July 16, 1747, says in an obituary notice, dated at Dedham, July 5 :—

Yesterday died here in the 40th year of his age, after a few days sickness of a very malignant Fever, that valuable gentleman, Mr. *Daniel Dwight*. He had a liberal education, was designed for the ministry, and preached occasionally, tho' never settled in that work, and had for Years past laid aside the tho'ts of following that employment, and had engaged in other Business. He was a gentleman of real merit, . . . of a most benevolent Temper ; charitable, peaceable ; a Lover of good Men of whatever Denomination ; a steady faithful Friend, and always ready to do Acts of Kindness to every one that stood in need. . . . As he lived esteemed and desired by those that were most intimately acquainted with him, so his Death is greatly lamented.

In 1726, that part of Dedham which is now Dover, began to have a school of its own supported by the town, as appears by the following record of May 11, 1726 :

it was put to the town wether they will Grant a sum of money for the Support of a School in the we[s]terly part of the town agreable to one parregraft in a petititison [*sic*] therefor wich was answered in the affirmitive and the money Granted was five pounds.

& Lastly it was proposed wether the town would Chose Eleazer Ellis senor & Nathaniell Chickring a Comittee to Recieue y^e said money out of the town treasury & to take Care that it be impropued for Said use.

Voted in y^e affirmitiue.

In this vote of the town we see the germ of the school-district and the district committee. That this germ became a vigorous plant, we know from its widespread and abundant fruits. Another donation was received by the school, but no record of the amount has been found. The fact is recorded on March 6, 1727, as follows :—

It was this day proposed to the Town whether it be there mind that the Money given to the Town by Robart Avery Lately Deceased should be Delivered into the hands of the feffees of the Schoole Money Voted in the affirmitive.

In this connection it may be interesting to have another excerpt from the Town Book.

Feb 27, 1732-3 The Feoffees of the schoole Money (viz) Jabez Pond John Gay & John Metcalfe in their capasety Received of Maj^r Jeremiah Fisher & M^r Michel Dwight Trustees for Dedhams part of y^e fifty thousand pound loan the sum of sixty one pound seventeen shillings & five pence, being in full what is due from them to the Town on that accoumpt & they and their heirs are hereby fully discharged from the same as appears by a voate of the Town May 15, 1732.

A teacher, whose term of service was remarkable for its brevity, is introduced by the following record :

April the 1 : 1728 M^r Bridgham Schoole master began to Keep the School in the Schoole House near the meeting House by order of the Selectmen.

James Bridgham was born in Boston, March 21, 1707 ; graduated at Harvard in 1726 ; was ordained in 1736 at Brimfield, Mass., where he was a pastor forty years ; and died September 19, 1776. "A man of respectable talents, an evangelical preacher, and remembered with affectionate esteem."—[Hyde's History of Brimfield, p. 94.]

The shortness of Mr. Bridgham's term is known by the fact that Mr. Dwight resumed his charge of the school on the 13th of the next month. He continued to be the only teacher in the town till the time of the following record :—

December y^e 14th 1730 [the selectmen] gave order to y^e Town Treasurer to pay M^r Daniel Dwight, Schoolemaster y^e sum of sixty-three pounds nineteen Shillings in full for what is due to him for keeping schoole in Dedham & this day Mr Dwight ceased keeping y^e School in y^e town.

[Jan. 21, 1730-1 the Selectmen] agreed with Deacon Metcalf to take care to obtain a Gramer Schoolmaster to keep the school in this town.

the selectmen agreed to desier Mr. Jeremiah Fisher to keep the school in this town for y^e present who began on february 22 1730-31 to keep y^e school in y^e east part of y^e town.

The length of Mr. Fisher's school is shown by the following entry :—

1732 Mch. 20. To Mr. Jeremiah Fisher for keeping school one week 1^l 3^s.

He was the son of Jeremiah and Deborah Fisher of Dedham, born September 3, 1704; graduated at Harvard 1726; married Elizabeth Cook of Boston; died in 1752.

But a more permanent teacher was soon found.

March 5. [1730-1] M^r Thomas Marsh by order of the Selectmen began to keepe the schoole in the town att sixty pounds for the yeare.

This teacher, according to the custom of his time, did his work in three different places. The following vote, March 7, 1725-6, will explain the system of removals which prevailed :—

It was put to the town if it be thare mind that the Gramer School shall be kept one-half of the year in the town near the meeting hous half the said time in the winter season and the other half in the summer season & the other half of the year in y^e places where it hath been Last stated Voted in the affirmatiue

& further it was put to the town wetther they would Leave it with y^e select men to set the time when y^e school should begin and when it shall End in the same places which allso was Voted in the affirmitiue.

April the 4th 1726. . The selectmen allso ordered the School to be kept at y^e place where it now is [Jabez Pond's] for six weeks next & then to be kept in the Clabrdtrees near John Richarde's hous six weekes and then in the town near the meeting hous for half one year.

In June, 1733, Mr. Marsh was re-engaged for the second time, and to begin at the *school house* near Clapboardtrees. It seems reasonable to infer that the residents of West Dedham had erected a school house for themselves; another step towards the development of a district system. East Street also appears to have erected their own school house, as we infer from the fact that on Oct. 21, 1734, Mr. Marsh is engaged to begin at the Clapboardtree school house, if fit; if not, at the *school*

house near Chamberlain's (East Street). After four years of faithful and acceptable service, Mr. Marsh "lays down the school" March 12, 1734-5. He was born in Hingham, Jan. 20, 1711, and graduated at Harvard College in 1731. He was Librarian of the College from 1737 to 1741; a tutor in the same from 1741 to January 9, 1766, when he married Hannah Sprague and retired from his office because a tutor was required by the College laws to reside in the College building night and day. Removing to Watertown, he died there September 22, 1780.

The vacancy in the school was quickly filled.

March y^e 10th assembled y^e Select men & Desired John Metcalfe to Endeavor to Procure A Schoole Master as soon as may be, M^r Marsh haveing Lately laid down keepeing y^e schoole.

The prompt action of the agent is thus recorded :—

March y^e 18th 1734-5 Perseuent to the above Desire I agreed with M^r Seath Adams of Milton to keepe y^e schoole in Dedham one year for Sixty Pound he is to begin on Monday y^e 24th of this Instant March att y^e Schoole House near y^e Meeting House.

JOHN METCALFE.

Seth Adams was the son of Edward Adams, graduated at Harvard in 1733, and was a teacher in Dedham about a year. He had a common ancestry with President John Adams and Governor Samuel Adams; died June 26, 1736.

About this time much dissatisfaction was manifested with the action of those who had sold the School Farm. The feeling became so prevalent that an attempt to recover the farm was thought advisable, and the town in September, 1735, voted to try to recover it by legal measures, and to expend £30 for that purpose. But it is not certain that any money was expended on the business; and it is evident that nothing was accomplished. The Dedham Grammar School was not destined to become an endowed institution. Its annual supply of funds was to depend on the interest of the citizens in the subject of free education.

From the twenty-third day of November, 1736, till October, 1738, the school was in the hands of Solomon Townsend, who divided his time among three parts of the town, as his predecessor had done. A native of Boston, he graduated at Harvard College in 1735, and probably studied theology with the Rev. Samuel Dexter, while in Dedham, so far as his duties to the school permitted. He lived sixty-one years after graduation, and spent fifty-seven years as a pastor in Barrington, R. I., where he died in 1798, at the age of eighty-two.

From the records of the May town meeting of 1768, the following extract relates to our subject:—

After a Reading of a petition from some of y^e Inhabetence of the Southerly Parish in Dedham and a long debate thereon.

Voted that the said Southerly Parish in Dedham & Springfield Precinct, (now Dover) have granted unto them ten pounds each. Part of the before Granted Eighty Pounds, to be improved for y^e schooling of y^e children in those two parts of y^e Town.

Thus it appears that five localities in the town had school privileges some part of the year—the Town, Clapboardtrees, East Street, Springfield and the South Precinct—a district system in the process of rapid development.

The next Master we will introduce by the following Town record :

October y^e 30th 1738 M^r Jonathan Winchester by Agreement with the Select men began to keep y^e Schoole in y^e Town neare y^e meeting house for one quarter after the rate of seventy-five pounds p annum.

This teacher, born in Brookline in 1716, had graduated at Harvard College in 1737. He probably remained in charge of the school about two years. Afterwards he became a minister of the gospel, and was settled over the First Church in Ashburnham, Mass., in 1760. He died in 1767, fifty-one years old.

The following receipt we copy from the Town Book :—

March 2 1740-41 Received of M^r Ephraim Willson Town Treasurer the sume of four pounds & Ten shillings for y^e entertainment of Mr. John Carns School-master P^r SAMUEL DEXTER.

As Mr. Carnes did not graduate at Harvard College till 1742, we infer that he taught only as a substitute during some temporary absence of Mr. Winchester. He became a clergyman, and lived till 1802, sixty years after his graduation. It is pleasant to be able to say where, and in what labors, such a long life was spent. Rev. John Carnes was settled, first at Stoneham, then at Rehoboth. From the latter place he was dismissed, at his own request, in 1764, and removed to Boston, his native town, where he resided till it was evacuated by the British, March, 1776. Then he entered the American army as chaplain, and served during the war. Removing to Lynn, he became a justice of the peace, and served nine years as a member of the General Court. In 1788 he was chosen to the Convention for ratifying the Constitution of the United States. As "minister, magistrate and politician," he led a useful and honorable life, which closed Oct. 20, 1802, seventy-eight years after his birth.

During 1741 Mr. John Wight was again employed; and in 1742 Mr. Daniel Dwight also again had charge of the grammar school; but no change in the management of the school is recorded. The salary was £80 per annum, evidently in an inflated currency of paper currency.

Mr. Nath^l Sumner began to keep the School at the Clabbordtrees y^e first of Desem. 1742 and concluded thare March y^e first following at twenty five pounds a year lawfull money. [This meant silver.]

Mr. Sumner's labors probably continued till the following autumn. He was born in Roxbury, April 10, 1720; A. B. at Harvard College 1739; married at Dedham, Hannah Bullard of Walpole, September 5, 1743; continued to reside in Dedham South Parish; was Captain, Deacon, Selectman; and was Representative of Dedham in the General Court for 1757, 1762, 1769, and 1770. He died December 23, 1802, leaving a name highly honored.

At a selectmen's meeting held November 15, 1743, Mr. John Metcalf is desired to procure a schoolmaster.

Pursuant to which s^d John Metcalfe went to Wamouth & obtained M^r Josiah Tory to keep the schoole in Dedham for three months at y^e Rate of Seventy pound p annum & his board he began Desem 21: 1743 at the school hous neare y^e meeting hous, select men procured his being entertained at W^m Averies Jun^r for 20^s p week.

How long the town enjoyed the services of Mr. Torrey we cannot determine. He received thirty-five pounds for a half year, June 11, 1744; and, as no other was employed, we presume he completed the year. He graduated at Harvard College in 1741, but we have not been able to trace his career.

The next schoolmaster, William Kneeland, graduated at Harvard in 1744. He was born in Boston, Jan. 1, 1724-5; and it is supposed that he died in office, for the reason that John Metcalf received March 27, 1745-6, sixteen pounds, "in part of what is due to Mr. William Kneeland decasd for keeping schoole in y^e Town 1745." Afterwards he received nineteen pounds more due to the same person. The date of Kneeland's death is not given in the Harvard Quinquennial, but he died, either in 1745, or early in 1746.

Mr. Kneeland's successor in the school was his college classmate, Benjamin White, who up to September 5, 1746, had received £40 for teaching. Mr. White received the master's degree; his death occurred in 1790.

On October 10, 1746,

Lusher Gay haveing not Procured a Schoole Master the Select men Desired John Metcalfe to Procure one; Accordingly sd Metcalfe Procured M^r Samuel Huntington of Lebanon & Agreed with him that he should Recive four pounds old Tenor for his & his horses time & expences in Coming down; and forty Pounds old Tenor & his board for his keeping y^e schoole six months beginning the first of November at the school house by Chamberlins.

Old Tenor was the name given to the first issue of paper money which soon greatly depreciated. May 13, 1747, Samuel Huntington received £44 for keeping school; his last payment was received March 27, 1749. William Avery re-

ceived for his board (seven months and one week), £46, 10s. From this meagre record we infer that the school was under his care between two and three years. He was the son of Deacon Samuel Huntington of Lebanon, Conn., and was born Oct. 16, 1725. He married Rebecca Fairbanks of Dedham (pub. Apr. 13, 1750), was deacon in Canterbury, Conn., and afterwards in East Haddam. He studied for the ministry after graduating from Yale College in 1746, but finally decided upon a mercantile career, in which he was highly successful.

On the first day of January 1744-5, the Trustees of the School Money had in their care the sum of £236, 2s, 8d. This money was loaned on good security to citizens of the town; and the disposition to increase the fund is shown in the following, taken from the records of the March meeting, 1749 :—

And then Dea : Nathaniel Kingsbery made the following Proposal to the town.— Gentlemen, Being Desirous of the flourishing State of Learning in this place I Purpose a Donation to the Town of One Hundred Pounds old Tenor the yearly interest of which to be appropriated to y^e use of y^e school—If it may be acceptable : Under such Regulation as y^e Town in their wisdom and Prudence shall see meet to order and appoint,—I also propose if it may be agreeable to the Town that a Committe in Trust be choozen to Receive the money and give a Receipt, And that it may be at this meeting—Sincerealy wishing that others might be stirred up to Cast in to such a Treasury for the Incourigment & advancement of Learning and good manners, and am an harty Well-wisher to all your Interests.

Upon which the Town voted harty thanks to Dea : Kingsbery for his generous gift—And pursuant to the proposal of y^e Doner The Town chooze Dea : Joseph Ellis, Dea : Ephraim Willson & Eliphalet Pond to be a comittee to receive Dea : Kingsbery's Donation, To give a Receipt for it, and Improve it to the Ends for which it was Given.

At a meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 14, 1749-50, the Dedham Stock of School money was reported to be £345, 8s., at that time loaned to twelve citizens of the town in sums varying from five pounds to one hundred, the last amount being secured by the bond of Jos. Chickering, the Trustees being Dea. Joseph

Ellis, Dea. Ephraim Willson, and Eliphalet Pond. At the March meeting of 1751, the Town voted to raise money by tax for building, or repairing, five school houses; and that the Grammar School should be taught in each of the houses some part of the year, unless a parish or society might accept as an equivalent a sum of money which they could use for school purposes at their own discretion. In that case the remaining societies should have the Grammar School in proportion to what they paid. But at the Town meeting held in May following, all this was reconsidered, and matters were managed as before.

May 15, 1750, Timothy Pond was paid for one quarter's service in keeping school in Dedham. Besides other payments in the mean time, he was paid a quarter's salary in Feb. 1752, when he probably closed his labors in the school. He was the son of Baruch and Abigail (Slocum) Pond, born in Wrentham, Sept. 15, 1729; graduated at Harvard in 1749, and afterwards received the degree of A.M. He married Elizabeth Bullard of Dedham, June 27, 1755. They had three sons and three daughters. In deeds he was styled "gentleman," but studied no profession; he resided in Wrentham, where he died "suddenly," Nov. 10, 1804.

On the 29th of July 1751, Mr. John Wiswall entered the school as its teacher; but his term was the shortest thus far on record, as the following will show:

August 6th, 1751, Mr. Wiswell Informs y^e Select-men that he, having Received greater Incourigment to Keep School elsewhere, Should Dismiss the School here this day. And that He demands nothing for what he has done.

William Avery, however, received eight shillings for his board. This schoolmaster was the son of John Wiswall of Boston; graduated at Harvard College, 1749; teacher in Falmouth (now Portland) Me., in 1753; ordained as a Congregational minister of a society in New Casco, Me., 1762; became Episcopal in 1764 and was ordained in England; returned

to Falmouth (Portland), in May 1765. Had 70 families in his parish, the "Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts" contributing £20 for his support; in 1775 he was imprisoned for his tory activity, but was soon released, and went to England; was included in the Banishment act of Mass., of 1778; in 1781 was a curate in Oxford, Eng.; returned to Nova Scotia after the war, and died there in 1812.

Elizur Holyoke began to teach in the "Old School House" Sept. 18, 1751, at a salary of £200, *old tenor*, the currency being terribly depreciated. He boarded at Isaac Bullard's, and received his last payment Feb. 6, 1753. He was the nephew of Edward Holyoke, President of Harvard College, born May 11, 1731; graduated at Harvard in 1750; was Librarian in 1757; was ordained in Boxford, Mass., Jan. 31, 1759; married Hannah, dau. of Rev. Oliver Peabody of Natick, Nov. 13, 1760. "The cords of harmony between him and his people were ever perfect, even to reverence and love." [Hist. of Boxford, p. 273.] He died March 31, 1806, in a house that is still standing and which was built for him by his father, a wealthy merchant of Boston.

The paper money issued by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay prior to 1737 was called Old Tenor; that issued in 1737, on better security, was at first called New Tenor. But in 1742 another issue was made and called New Tenor, after which the issue of 1737 was called Middle Tenor. In 1751 Mr. Holyoke's salary of £200 was equal to about £20 of silver. This paper money was finally redeemed, according to an act of the Colonial Legislature, at *seven and a half* old tenor for one of specie. (See Felt's Massachusetts Currency, page 251.)

The following record is a curiosity:—

1752. Agreeable to vote of Town at May Meeting that the School should be kept in proportion to the tax in each precinct.

First precinct	166 days
The South	79 "
Clabbordtrees	67 "
(Dover or Springfield) West Precinct	52 "
	<hr/> 364 days

Under this arrangement no one would complain of too much vacation : but how about violating the Sabbath?

Joseph Perry had earned a quarter's salary and was paid it, April 18, 1753 : and on Nov. 5 of the same year was paid "for his last Quarter-Keeping School in Dedham and for paying for one Horse Journey agreed on to Groton." On Oct. 23, 1755, he married Sarah Lawrence, of Groton, so that his "Horse Journey" is easily accounted for. See Groton Historical Series, by Dr. Samuel A. Green, vol. II, pp. 454, 455, for an account of Mr. Perry as well as of his wife, and for the reprint of a broadside containing a tribute to her memory. He was a native of Sherborn, Mass. ; graduated at Harvard College in 1752, and settled in East Windsor, Conn., 1755. He preached the Election Sermon in 1775 ; and died, 1783, aged 50 years. Of Mr. Perry's ability we are assured by the fact that he was settled as the Colleague of the Rev. Timothy Edwards, the father of Pres. Jonathan Edwards, to whom the father was not thought inferior as a preacher.

In 1754 three noteworthy men, Jonas Clark, William Symmes, and Nathaniel Sherman became teachers in Dedham. Jonas Clark received £13, 6s, 8d, for six months, Aug. 17, when he was styled "late schoolmaster." Born in Newton, Dec. 25, 1730, graduating at Harvard in 1752, he was ordained at Lexington, Mass., Nov. 5, 1755. He was an ardent patriot, and the men who "stood for liberty on Lexington Common" were his parishioners. An interesting sketch of his life and character by Rev. William Ware may be found in Volume I. of Sprague's Annals. The pupils of such a teacher may be deemed fortunate. He died in 1805 ; but the influence of his life and work survives.

The second of these men, William Symmes, H. C. 1750, taught in the Springfield Precinct, for which he was paid May 19, 1755. He was a Tutor at Harvard College from 1755 to 1758, and on Nov. 1, 1758, he was ordained as a pastor at Andover, Mass. He preached the Election Sermon in 1785,

and received the degree of D. D. from his *alma mater* in 1803, fifty-three years after his graduation. He died four years later, aged 77 years.

Nathaniel Sherman taught in the "second parish" in 1754-5, and in 1755-6. Born in Newton, Mass., March 5, 1724, he graduated at Princeton College in 1753; was ordained at Bedford, Mass., 1756, dismissed in 1767, and installed at Mt. Carmel, Conn., May 18, 1768. He died at the close of a successful ministry, July 18, 1797, in his seventy-fourth year.

These three teachers must have exerted an excellent influence upon the youth of the town. We may reasonably presume that the effects of their silent tuition were good and permanent in many minds.

A new policy from this time onward appears to have been adopted. Instead of one master, continuing through the year, but teaching in different parts of the town, competent men were employed to teach short-term schools in the several districts. This was essentially the district system.

Nathan Webb taught the school in the new school house of the First Parish twenty-two weeks, for which he was paid Sept. 19, 1755. He was the son of Rev. Nathan Webb of Uxbridge and a cousin of President John Adams. See Adams Diary, Vol. II, p. 11. He graduated at Harvard in 1754, and died in 1760.

James Dana, son of Caleb and Phoebe (Chandler) Dana, was born in Cambridge in 1735, graduated at Harvard in 1753; but remained several years at Cambridge pursuing his theological studies. In the winter of 1755-6 he was the schoolmaster in Clapboardtrees three months, or perhaps longer. His abilities, as shown in his subsequent life, were such that in 1768 he was honored by the University of Edinburgh with the Doctorate. He was ordained at Wallingford, Conn., in 1758; and in 1789 was called to the pastoral charge of the First Church in New Haven. His publications were numerous. He

died Aug. 18, 1812, and President Dwight preached his funeral sermon.

October 24th 1755 M^r William Patten began to Keep Schoole in the First Parrish in the New Schoolhouse, he has engaged to Serve at the Rate of £25. *6. *8. a year & to have his board.

This was the son of Rev. William Patten of Hartford, Conn. ; he was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1738, and graduated at Harvard in 1754. He was pastor, first at Halifax, Mass. ; afterwards of the South Church in Hartford, Conn. He married Ruth, the daughter of President Eleazer Wheelock of Dartmouth College ; and his son Dr. William Patten, was the pastor of the Second Church in Newport, R. I., a little short of 47 years. Mr. Patten lost his voice, and soon after his health, and died in Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 16, 1775.

Nathan Kidder, a classmate of the first President Adams, 1755, taught in the South Parish during the winters of 1755-6, 1756-7 and 1760-1. According to the Harvard Quinquennial he died in 1761.

Jonathan Bowman, a classmate of Mr. Kidder, taught in the Springfield precinct about the same time. He lived till 1804.

In the winter of 1755-6 the East Street School was taught by Joseph Metcalf for three months. He was a descendant of Michael, of the fourth generation, born May 11, 1710 ; married Ruth Aldus of Roxbury, and died Feb. 25, 1785, leaving four sons.

The same winter Benjamin Bacon was teaching in the South Parish. He was the son of John and Hannah, born after his father's death, in Salem, Aug. 26, 1716 ; a descendant of Michael of Dedham in the fifth generation.

George Damon, the son of John and Elizabeth, having graduated at Harvard in 1756, taught in the First Precinct beginning Nov. 22, 1757, continuing for a year, or 44 weeks. He joined the church in Dedham, Aug. 4, 1757, and was dismissed Sept. 14, 1760, to take pastoral charge in the town of Tisbury. He died in Woodstock, Vt., in December, 1796.

Mr. Damon's college classmate, Eleazer Weld, taught the Clapboardtrees School during the winter of 1756-7. He received the degree of A.M. in 1761 and died in 1800.

The school money for 1756 was proportioned to each precinct as follows: to the first, £24, 12s, 6d; to the second, £11, 3s, 7d; to the third, £10, 16s, 9d; to the fourth, £9, 7s, 6d. From this time onward the moving of the Grammar school to different precincts appears to have been discontinued; but a master qualified to teach the classics was employed in one precinct at least, and sometimes in two or three. The district system had become an established fact, sanctioned by satisfactory usage in the entire absence of any law permitting or requiring it. It was, indeed, the only practicable method of conducting schools under the conditions then existing, and grew out of the exercise of good sense, shaping plans to circumstances.

In the winter of 1756-7 Ebenezer Bacon taught in the South Precinct, and again in 1759-60, and probably the two intervening winters. The son of William and Expedience, he was born Oct. 6, 1721; and on Feb. 6, 1745-6 he and his wife, Rebecca, were received into full communion with the South Church.

James Draper managed the education of East Street in 1756-7. This was Capt. Draper, the father of Maj. Abijah whose name appears on the Pitt Monument in Dedham Village.

In the winter of 1756-7, and also of 1759-60, John Jones was the teacher in the Fourth Precinct, now Dover. Born in Weston, Mass., Oct. 30, 1716, as teacher, land surveyor, deacon, and magistrate, he was a conspicuous character in the town of Dedham for many years. He surveyed Mt. Desert Island, Maine, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay in 1762-3. He was a firm Loyalist; and in 1774 was visited by a body of citizens and required to vacate his office, held under King George, which he is said to have done without any sacrifice of his dignity. After this he was not molested for his fidelity to his

sovereign. Some years after the close of the revolution, he was appointed a justice of Suffolk County by the Governor, and was as faithful to the new government as he had been to the old. His first wife was Hannah Morse, and his second Tabitha Battelle: he had six daughters and four sons. He died in 1801 in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

The summer of 1757 is to be remembered as the time when the records show that the Town began to employ women as teachers. Mary Green is the name first recorded; and she instructed the children of the fourth precinct. It would be pleasant to speak more fully of this pioneer school-mistress; but we can only say that her success was such as to warrant the policy of giving women a large share in the work of school instruction.

But Miss Green was not entirely alone in this new field of labor. Bethiah Colburn, "Nathaniel Colburn's daughter," had charge of the Clapboardtrees School the same summer of 1757. Of her we can only say with certainty that, born Jan. 13, 1734-5, she died July 15, 1762. She, doubtless, as well as Miss Green, was educated in the Dedham Grammar School, where girls had probably for many years enjoyed equal privileges with boys; although we have not been able to find anything in the records to show how early the schools were open to both sexes alike. It is believed that, for many years after girls began to attend the town school, they were not expected to study arithmetic, that being considered an almost useless subject for women to understand. "The Ladies' Accidence," a kind of English grammar, was thought a more appropriate study for the feminine intellect.

In 1757 the Grammar School came under the instruction of Edward Brooks, who had just graduated from Harvard College. He was born in Medford, Mass., became a member of the Church in Dedham, Feb. 5, 1758, and was dismissed from it June 10, 1764, to settle in the ministry at North Yarmouth, Me., where he was ordained July 4, of the same year. He was

dismissed in 1769, and died in Medford in 1781. Peter C. Brooks, the eminent merchant, was his son; and among his great-grandchildren are Bishop Phillips Brooks and the sons of Charles Francis Adams and Edward Everett.

We find Abner Ellis as teacher in the Clapboardtrees School in 1757-8. This record may be his: "Married by y^e Rev'd Mr. Andrew Tyler. Abner Ellis & Meletiah Ellis, both of Dedham, March 3, 1756."

Deacon Joshua Ellis taught in the Springfield Precinct in 1757-8, also in 1764-5.

In 1758 Susannah Bridenno was teaching in the First Parish. She also taught in the Third Precinct three summers, 1761, 2 and 3. Miss Bridenno died in 1764, and by her will left a sum of money, and all her personal estate, about one hundred dollars, to establish a school, to be taught by a woman, in the Third Parish. Rev. George W. Cooke in his History of the Third Parish gives the names of the following fifteen persons who were paid for teaching by the income of the Bridenno Fund: 1800 to 1810—Rebecca Ellis, Mary Fairbanks, Celia Baker, Fanny Ellis, Betsy Shepherd. 1811 to 1817—Lydia Newell, Mrs. Mary Colburn, Polly Baker, Mrs. Hannah Richards. 1821 to 1828—Mrs. Delia White, Cornelia S. Dwight, Deborah Baker. 1831 to 1841—Rebecca Ellis, Elizabeth White, Mrs. Lydia D. White. They taught in all about forty terms, of four weeks each, and were probably all residents of the neighborhood; but it has not been convenient or even possible to obtain further particulars of their personal history. One of these teachers, Mrs. C. H. Silsbee, then Miss Elizabeth White, says: "Being in the days of six per cent, and of *low salaries*, the \$6 per year gave the three weeks' schooling. Accordingly such a school was kept, sometimes in a neighbor's house, sometimes in the porch or vestibule of the Church, and even one or two years in the horse sheds. It chanced to be omitted one year; therefore the *large* sum of \$12 was accumulated, and I was asked by one of our old deacons

if I should be too *proud* to keep the school for six weeks. He added, you must remember that

“Honor and Shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there all the *virtue* lies.”

I was *not* too proud, and accepted the situation, enjoying 25 little pupils in a room in my father's house. After a while it was so difficult to find any one willing to teach in this way, it was resolved to divide the money between the Sunday-schools of the Unitarian and Baptist Churches, as carrying out the spirit of the will as nearly as possible.” So we may truly say that Miss Bridenno, though dead, yet *teacheth*.

Sarah Easty had charge of the Clapboardtrees School in the summer of 1758: also 1760. She is supposed to have come from Stoughton.

Persilla Ellis taught ten weeks in the Springfield Parish in 1758. She seems to be referred to in the following record: “Periscilla, y^e daughter of Josiah & Dorcas Ellis, was born May 25, 1729.”

The summer school, taught by a woman, for the benefit of those scholars who could not conveniently attend in the winter, and of those whose help was not needed on the farm, became now a permanent institution. Up to this time, 1758, fuel for the schools was not generally paid for by the town, but appears to have been furnished by the parents in proportion to the number of children they sent to the school.

In 1758 three men graduated at Harvard and came to teach in the Dedham schools. Simeon Howard took the school in the First Parish. He was born in Bridgewater, Mass., April 29, 1733; held the office of Tutor in Harvard College, 1766-7, and was a Fellow from 1780 to 1805. As pastor of the West Church in Boston, and Jonathan Mayhew's successor, he was ordained, May 6, 1767; received the degree of S. T. D. from the University of Edinburgh in 1785. During the Revolution his Church was used as a barrack by the British, which only exasperated his patriotic zeal. He married twice:

first, the widow of Dr. Mayhew ; secondly, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Gay of Hingham. "His parishioners loved him as a brother and honored him as a father." His classical knowledge was full and accurate, and it is said that he cultivated it to the end of his days.

Roland Green of Malden was employed in the Clapboard-trees School several months, and one of the results is thus put on record : "Married by the Rev. Mr. Andrew Tyler. The Rev. Mr. Roland Green of Norton and Mrs. Hannah Fairbanks of Dedham." Mr. Green was ordained in Norton as the successor of Rev. Ebenezer White in 1761. Afterwards he was the minister of Marshfield, and lived till 1808, when he died suddenly of apoplexy on July 4, at Norton, having come thither to celebrate the day.

Oakes Shaw, the third of these graduates of 1758, found employment in the school of the South Parish. In the Church Records of that parish we read : "July 1, 1759. Mr. Oakes Shaw was received into full communion." He was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1736 ; was the minister of Barnstable, Mass., 1769-1807 ; married Susanna Hayward of Braintree, whose son, Lemuel Shaw, was a distinguished Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts thirty years ; his life ended with his ministry in 1807.

Contemporary with the last three, Dr. Josiah Dean taught in the Fourth Precinct. We venture to think that the following record is appropriate here : "Married by ye Rev. Mr. Andrew Tyler, Josiah Dean of Upton & Abigail Richards of Dedham, Decem^r 2, 1762." If Dr. Dean was not thus "married," we have rejoiced in vain over his supposed good fortune, as the reward of his patience-trying labors in primitive Dover.

In the summer of 1759 the Centre School had for its teacher the Widow Ruth Thorpe, the "relict" of Samuel Thorpe, Jr., who died at Cape Breton, Oct. 20, 1745, aged 33 years. Her maiden name has not been ascertained ; as no

record is found of her marriage, we may reasonably infer that she was not a native of Dedham. She probably taught also in 1760.

In the Second or South Parish, Zeruiah Crane and Elizabeth Holmes were teachers in 1759. Of the former I find no account: of the latter some information is contained in the South Parish Church Records. "May 14, 1738. Rev. Mr. Dexter baptized a child of Ebenezer Holmes named Elizabeth." In the Town Record of persons married by Rev. Thomas Balch, we read: "Mr. Jacob Fisher and Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes of Dedham, Sept. 9, 1762." That the maiden is styled Mrs., accords with the fashion of that day.

In 1759 the school in the First Parish came under the care of William Whitwell, who graduated at Princeton in 1758. In 1762 he became the colleague, at Marblehead, of the Rev. John Barnard, whose character he ably portrayed in a funeral sermon. [See Sprague's Annals, Vol. 1., p. 254.] Mr. Whitwell died Nov. 8, 1781, in the twentieth year of his ministry and the forty-fifth of his life. A contemporary says of him: "He was the gentleman and the Christian happily united. He was a well instructed scribe, concise, pertinent, enlightening and moving in all his addresses on all occasions."

Money was paid to Mr. Jonathan Fisher for a Mr. Brick [or Breck], the teacher of the Clapboardtrees School, 1759. Nothing further has been ascertained concerning him. But Jonathan Moore, a senior in Harvard College, and a native of Oxford, Mass., taught the usual winter term there, 1759-60. Mr. Moore was librarian of the College in 1767, but in 1768, settled in the ministry at Rochester, Mass. He was dismissed in 1791, and died, aged 75, in 1814.

Jonathan Craft taught the South Parish School in the winter of 1759-60. All we have been able to learn of him is, that he graduated at Harvard in 1761, and died in 1786.

Lydia Cheney had charge of the Fourth Precinct school in the summer of 1760. Two records contain her name. "Mar-

ried by Rev'd Benjamin Caryl, Mr. Thomas Draper & Miss Lydia Cheney, both of Dedham, May 14, 1766." "Mr. Timothy Merrifield & Miss Lydia Cheney, both of Dedham, May 22, 1766." So it is almost certain that this good teacher was married; but whether she became Mrs. Draper, or Mrs. Merrifield, it is now, perhaps, too late to determine.

Her successor was Mehetabel Ellis, 1760-1, who appears to have been the first woman to teach a winter school in Dedham. She still retained her name after marriage, as the record shows: "Married by the Rev. Benjamin Caryl, Mr. William Ellis and Miss Mehetabel Ellis, both of Dedham, February 18th, 1763."

David Fales, sometimes styled Dr., was schoolmaster in East Street and South Parish four winters, from 1760 to 1765. There is some uncertainty as to how his time was divided. We think the following record relates to him:—"Married by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Balch. Mr. David Fales & M^r[*] Hannah Thorp, both of Dedham, March 9, 1762."

Jabez Porter had charge of the Grammar School in the First Parish for 1760-1. He was the son of Deacon William and Phebe (Dorman) Porter; born in Topsfield, Mass., Feb. 1, 1723; graduated from Harvard, 1743. After teaching a year in Dedham he taught in other places, and in 1767 began to teach in Braintree, Mass., and continued many years fitting young men for college, among whom may be mentioned Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Porter of Roxbury, and President John Adams. He married Ruth Wadsworth, and lived in the South Parish of Braintree (now Randolph), Mass., where he died Jan. 28, 1792.

Hannah Willard taught the summer school of the First Parish for 1761; but of her previous, or of her subsequent life, no record is found.

Phebe Willett, beginning in 1761, was three summers in the teacher's desk at the South Precinct. Her subsequent life is learned from the Rev. Jason Haven's record. "Married Mr. Joseph Kingsbury & Miss Phebe Willett, both of Dedham,

Jan^y 3^d 1765." As Mrs. Kingsbury she taught in the third parish in 1766.

The duty of instructing the East Street School in the winter of 1761-2, was entrusted to Jonas Humphrey. Our knowledge of him is limited to the following record: "Married by the Rev^d Mr. Sam^l Dexter. Jonas Humphrey of Dorchester and Sarah Fales of Dedham, Aug. 11, 1748."

Dr. Nathaniel Ames, the second "Almanac Maker," born Oct. 9, 1741, taught the "Town School," as he calls it, from Nov. 23, 1761 to May 4, 1762, and again from Dec. 13, 1762 to April 16, 1763. He graduated at Harvard in 1761. From his diary we learn that Fisher Ames "kept school" as his substitute one day at least, Jan. 20, 1762. We cannot imagine that Dr. Ames ever had a sleepy school. If he was as earnest and aggressive in school as elsewhere, the idle ones found little comfort or sympathy. Under the date of 1790 in the Town Records is this statement: "This day the Select Men agreed with Doct. Nath Ames to keep School nine months to teach Latin and Greek." We think, however, that this contract was never fulfilled. There is no record of money paid for his services. His extremely active and laborious life came to an end in 1822.

Jonathan Crane taught in the Third Precinct in 1761-2. He was born in Berkley in 1738; graduated at Harvard in 1762; received A.M. in 1766; became a physician, settled in Bridgewater; married 1st, Mary, daughter of Col. Josiah Edson, 1770; 2d, Lydia Adams of Kingston, 1783, and died Dec. 31, 1813.

In the winter of 1762-3 the South Precinct employed as its teacher Benjamin Balch, the son of Rev. Thomas Balch. He graduated at Harvard College in 1763 and settled in the ministry in the town of Mendon. In the summer of 1763 Elizabeth Balch, sister of the above, succeeded him in the school. The great event of her life is thus recorded: "May 8, 1766, Mr. Jonathan Dean & Miss Eliza. Balch, both of Dedham, were married."

In 1752 a school house in the First Parish near the meeting house was built with money raised by a subscription amounting to 134¹ 13^s 3^d old tenor. It was 26 by 18 feet; Dea. Badlam built the Chimney for 6¹; the lock cost 2¹ 5^s; a thousand shingle nails cost 1¹ 4^s; and according to the fashion of the time raising the frame of this immense structure was made pleasant by the consumption of "six quarts of rum and one pound of sugar," which cost 1¹ 14^s 6^d.

Rev. Ephraim Ward graduated at Harvard College in 1763, and taught the Centre School the two subsequent winters. He was born in Newton and was ordained in West Brookfield, Oct. 23, 1771, Mr. Haven of Dedham preaching the sermon. The same minister did him another favor. "Married by Rev. Jason Haven The Rev^d Mr. Ephraim Ward of Brookfield and Miss Mary Dexter of Dedham, Nov^r 28th 1771." Mr. Ward died March 19, 1818, at the age of 77.

The South Precinct, 1763-4, employed in its school Seth Bullard of Walpole. On Nov. 3, 1761, he had married Joanna Lewis of Dedham, and he was again in charge of the school in 1769-70. He was active in the town affairs of Walpole; a member of a committee to prepare resolutions on public affairs in 1773; Captain of a militia company in 1775, and Representative of the town in the General Court eleven years, the last time in 1800.

The same winter, 1763-4, another Walpole man, Enoch Ellis, taught the school in the Third Precinct. We suppose he also found a wife in Dedham. This is the record: "Marriages—Mr. Enoch Ellis of Walpole & Miss Juletta Ellis of Dedham May 21, 1766." His prominence in town affairs is shown by the fact that he was chosen as delegate to represent the town in the Provincial Congress of 1774. He was also chosen a delegate for six months to the Congress to be held at Watertown in 1775.

Mary Balch taught the summer school of the South Parish in 1764. There are two records made by her father, Rev.

Thomas Balch, which are of interest here : — “ Nov. 16, 1740. Baptized my dear daughter named Mary the same day she was born.” “ Oct. 8, 1766. Mr. Manassah Cutler and Miss Mary Balch of Dedham were married.”

Sarah Draper taught in Clapboardtrees two summers, 1764 and 1765. The following record may relate to her : — “ Sarah y^e daughter of Joseph and Deborah Draper, born Nov. 29, 1735.”

Mary Morse was the teacher of the summer school, Third Precinct, in 1764. The following record may relate to her : — “ May 4, 1769 John Dean jr. & Mary Morse, both of Dedham, were married.”

Jesse Ellis, beginning in 1764, taught two winters in the Third Parish, and probably taught two fall or spring terms in the Fourth or Springfield Parish. In the Dedham Record of Births we find this : — “ Jesse y^e son of Aaron Ellis & Ziporah Ellis born ——— 25, 1740.” No earlier Jesse Ellis is found in the Dedham Records.

Benjamin Chapin taught in the Fourth or Springfield Precinct, two winters, 1764-5 and 1765-6. He was born May 24, 1736, and married Margaret Colton, March 4, 1760. He is the only Benjamin Chapin of that time who could have been the teacher.

Jeremiah Whitney was paid for teaching in Dedham 1764-5. In what precinct is unknown. A Jere Whitney, son of Nathan and Mary (Holman) born April 1, 1727, is the only one of that name in the Whitney genealogy who could have been the teacher.

Abigail Fisher taught in Clapboardtrees, 1765. In the Dedham Record of Marriages for 1767, there are three Abigail Fishers. We trust our schoolmistress was one of them, and that she became either Mrs. Burridge, or Mrs. Kingsbury, or Mrs. Starrett.

Seth Ames, Harvard College, 1764, was in charge of the town school three successive winters, 1765, 1766 and 1767-8. He was the son of Dr. Nathaniel and Deborah Ames, born Feb.

14, 1743 and died in 1778. Dr. Ames often mentions this brother in his diary. It is said that he served as a surgeon in the American Army of the Revolution.

Manasseh Cutler, Yale College 1765, taught in the South Precinct from December, 1765 till April 1, 1766. He was a native of Killingly, Conn., the son of Hezekiah and Susannah (Clark) Cutler, born May 13, 1742; married Mary Balch, daughter of Rev. Thomas Balch of Dedham, Oct. 8, 1766. From his journal we learn that his school numbered over ninety pupils. He studied law and began the practice of it in Edgartown, Mass.; then studied theology and settled in the ministry at Hamilton, Mass.; was chaplain in the Continental Army two campaigns; as chief agent of the Ohio Co., he purchased 1,500,000 acres of land; was a member of Congress two terms; studied medicine and practised successfully; opened a boarding school and fitted young men for College, and taught navigation. He received L. L. D. from Yale in 1789, and was a member of many learned societies. He continued his ministry till near the end of his life — about fifty-two years — and near its close he had to be carried into his pulpit, and sat during the delivery of his sermons. He died July 28, 1823. His Biography may be found in Sprague's Annals, Vol. II; and his Life, Journals and Correspondence in two volumes may be consulted at the rooms of the Dedham Historical Society.

Rebecca Newell was the teacher of the Third Parish in 1765 and again in 1768. She soon changed her name. "Married, Ichabod Ellis of Dedham and Rebecca Newell of Needham, Mar. 23, 1769." She died July 3, 1831, aged 86.

Mrs. Job Richards taught in the Third Parish 1765, '66 and '68. "Married by the Rev. Jason Haven, Job Richards & Mary Gay, both of Dedham, May 10, 1757." Job's Island took its name from her husband.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher was the teacher of a school in some part of Dedham in 1766-7. In Dr. Ames' Diary we find this characteristic entry: "Nat Fisher live at Mr. Battles in qual-

ity of Pedagogue." He graduated from Harvard College in 1763. He was the son of Capt. Jeremiah (H. C. 1726) and Elizabeth (Cook) Fisher of Dedham, and was born July 8, 1742. He was the uncle of Fisher Ames; married Silence, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth Baker. He was missionary teacher in Nova Scotia at the beginning of the Revolution; ordained in 1777 by Dr. Lowth; was Rector of Annapolis and Granville, 1778-1782, when he returned to Massachusetts; was Rector of St. Peter's, Salem, from Feb. 25, 1782, till his death, Dec. 20, 1812, on Sunday after preaching from this text: "How long have I to live?" A volume of his sermons was printed in 1818.

Mary Newell, teacher in the Clapbordtree District in 1766, probably became Mrs. Whiting. So runs the record: "Nathan Whiting of Dedham and Mary Newell of Needham, Nov. 25." [Pub. 1775.]

Jonathan Felt taught in the South Parish 1766-7. The following record of the South Parish is supposed to refer to him. "Jonathan Felt and Lovewell his wife Having been dismissed from the Church of X in Lynn to which they belonged and Recommended to us were this day June 18th, 1758, Received by the Church." He had a son Jonathan, born in 1747, who was probably too young to be the schoolmaster.

In 1767-8 William Keous taught in the South Parish. In the South Parish Records we find this: "Dec. 3, 1758. William Keous, Born in Kirkolm Parish in the County of Galloway in Scotland belonging to the Church in sd Kirkolm of which Mr. James McCulloch is Pastor, was by vote of the Ch'h received to occasional communion wth ye Chh. (N. B. Kirkcum McCullogh)" Mr. Keous graduated at Harvard 1768: A. M. 1775.

Mr. Andrew Peters was schoolmaster in the Fourth Parish 1756-7. He was the son of William and Hannah (Chenery) Peters of Medfield, and was born in 1742. Resided in Mendon, Mass.

Eliphalet Pond, Jr., was the teacher in East St., 1766-7. He was born April 11, 1745. Married Sally Richards May 29, 1769. Capt. Pond, as he was commonly styled, resumed teaching in 1784, and the First Middle School was under his care every winter until 1793. He was Town Clerk for twenty-five years, Selectman sixteen years, Register of Deeds from 1793 till his death, or about twenty years. No one can examine his Records without being reminded that he was an accurate scholar as well as an expert penman. The School, the Town, and the County were all fortunate in enjoying so long his valuable services. He died July 13, 1813.

The South Parish for two winters, 1768-9 and 1769-70, had for a teacher Jeremiah Kingsbury, who is supposed to be the subject of this Record of the South Church: "Oct. 28, 1759. Jeremiah Kingsbury Junr. & Abigail his wife were rec'd into full Communion." He died June 3, 1788, aged 57.

Ebenezer Battelle, Jr., teacher in the Fourth Precinct 1768-9, was in the Third Precinct in the same capacity in 1770-71. Was this Col. Ebenezer Battelle, Jr., or Ebenezer Battelle, Jr., who entered college in 1771? We incline to believe it was the Colonel, and that he had a well-disciplined school.

Jonathan Metcalf, Esq., taught the East Street School in 1768-9. It was not unusual for the prominent citizens of that day to take charge of the winter schools. Apparently they took the duty as one they owed to the community. Esquire Metcalf was often employed in town affairs, and in 1776, 1778, and 1779 was a representative of Dedham in the General Court.

Samuel Shuttleworth, son of Samuel and Abigail (Whiting) Shuttleworth, began to teach in the Third Precinct of Dedham in 1768-9; afterwards taught in East Street several winters, making in all not less than twelve winters of teaching in Dedham. Born in 1751, graduating at Harvard in 1777, he settled in the ministry at Windsor, Vt., in 1790. This is his record: "By Rev. Mr. Jason Haven, Rev. Samuel Shuttleworth of

Windsor (Vt.) & Miss Deborah Ames of Dedham, Jan. 1, 1792." A portrait of Deborah Ames supposed to be a Copley, may be seen in the Library of the Dedham Historical Society. It seems that he began to teach when 17; graduated at 26, settled in the ministry at 39, and died in 1834 at the age of 83.

Ebenezer Starr, son of Jonathan and Sarah, was born May 1, 1744, graduated H. C. 1768, and was in charge of the Centre School 1769-70. He settled in Dunstable, Mass., and was a practising physician there till he died, Sept. 7, 1798.

"Enoch, ye son of Ebenezer & Abigail Kingsbury, born Desemr 7th, 1738." This record introduces us to the man who taught in the First Parish in 1770-71, also in the west part of the Third Parish in 1774-5-6 & 7, and in the north part of the Third Parish in 1778. Other facts of his life are wanting.

Rev. Wm. Gay Ballantine, H. C. 1771, taught the Grammar School 31 weeks in 1771-2, also in 1772-3. This record will be pertinent: "Marryed by the Revend. Mr. Samuel Dexter. The Revd. Mr. John Ballentine of Westfield & Mrs. Mary Gay of Dedham Septemr 20, 1743." This man was the minister of Westfield, Mass., about 40 years, where his son William Gay was born in 1751; graduated at Harvard in 1771, and lived till 1820.

Dea. Ichabod Ellis taught in the Third Parish the winter of 1771-2. He married Rebecca Newell of Needham as previously stated. His epitaph shows that he died Jan. 14, 1811, aged 68.

In the summer of 1772 the Fourth Precinct had for its teacher Mrs. John Chickering, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gay. She became Mrs. Chickering Jan 9, 1766.

Capt. Hezekiah Allen was her successor, 1772-3. As he was in his fiftieth year and accustomed to command men, he doubtless was master of his school. Born in 1724, he married Mary Peters of Medfield in 1757, and died Aug. 16, 1775.

In 1773-4 we find Jabez Chickering, then twenty years old, teaching in the Third Parish. He was the son of Joseph Chick-

ering; born in 1753; graduated at Harvard in 1774; married Hannah, the daughter of Rev. Thomas Balch, 1777; and about the first of July, 1776, settled in the ministry of the Second Parish of Dedham as Mr. Balch's successor. After a prosperous ministry of nearly thirty-six years, he died, March 12, 1812, in the 59th year of his age.

The same winter John Eliot had charge of the Grammar School in the First Parish. He was the son of Dr. Andrew Eliot, pastor of the New North Church of Boston, and was born May 31, 1754. He became a member of the Dedham Church Jan. 4, 1774, and in the church record of dismissals from the First Parish (p. 91) we read: "Oct. 24, 1779. Mr. John Eliot to ye new North Church, Boston over which he is to be ordained." He was ordained Nov. 3, 1779, and received the degree of S. T. D. from Edinboro' University in 1798. He co-operated with Dr. Belknap in establishing the Massachusetts Historical Society, and was the author of the New England Biographical Dictionary. He died Feb. 14, 1813.

Mrs. Samuel Richards, or Hannah Richards, was the teacher of the summer school of the First Parish in 1774, and again she was in the same position in 1777. The following record evidently refers to her: "Marryed by ye Revnd Mr. Samll. Dexter, Samll. Richards, & Hannah Metcalf, Dedham, Sept. 28, 1737." She was the grandmother of the late Edward Metcalf Richards, and consequently the ancestor of some of the most active members of the Dedham Historical Society.

Joseph Haven, Jr., H. C., 1774, taught in the First Parish 1774-5. Rev. Mr. Haven was paid for boarding him thirtyfive weeks. He married the daughter of Nathaniel Fish of Needham, Mass., and was settled as a minister in Rochester, N. H., where he died in 1825.

Philip Draper began to teach in the Third Precinct in 1774, and taught there each year till 1777. He graduated at Harvard in 1780; was a physician, and died in South Dedham (now

Norwood), March 21, 1817, aged 60. His two sons, Jeremiah and Moses, graduated from Harvard College in 1808.

Joseph Crosby, H. C. 1772, was teaching in Dedham from 1774 till 1778. On July 1, 1776, he was paid £10 for teaching four months and two weeks "last winter."

In 1775 Sarah Onion taught in Clapboardtrees precinct, and again in 1783. She was born, Oct. 2, 1749, and married Stephen Whiting in 1791. It is not unlikely that she taught in several other years, as sometimes the money to pay the teachers of the summer school was given to the precinct agent, and the names of the teachers do not appear in the town record.

Daniel Chickering, Jr., taught in the Fourth Precinct two winters 1775-6 and 1776-7. The following is supposed to be his record: "Daniel, son of Danll & Keziah Chickring, born Augst 20, 1758." Consequently we infer that he became a teacher in his eighteenth year.

Ebenezer Newell, Jr., was paid for teaching school in Dedham in 1776. In what precinct he did his work is not known. The following are probably his records: "Ebenezer, ye son of Ebenezer & Elizabeth Newell, born Oct. ye 18, 1736." "Ebenezer Newell, Jr., of Dedham to Elizabeth Wheaton of Needham, April 24, 1760, by Rev. Mr. Jonathan Townsend."

Rev. Ebenezer Wight began to teach in the First Parish in 1775, and continued for two winters. His admission to the Dedham Church is thus recorded: "Oct. 15, 1775. Ebenezer Wight Junr, Student, at ye College at Providence." His dismission thus: "Feb. 15, 1778. Mr. Ebenr. Wight to South Church, Boston, over which he is to be ordained as pastor." Mr. Wight received a unanimous call to the Hollis Street Church, and was ordained, Feb. 25, 1778, as the successor of the facetious Dr. Mather Byles. He was a popular preacher, but resigned his pastorate in 1788, and afterward taught a private school twelve years in Dedham, where he died Sept. 25, 1821. Though he studied for a while at Brown University, he graduated at Harvard in 1776.

The Third Precinct employed Anna Baker in its school during two summers, 1776 and 1777. On June 4, 1778, she married Nathan Newell of Needham.

John Haven appears as a teacher in Dedham, 1775 and 1777. It is not quite certain in what school we ought to place him. He graduated at Harvard in 1757; was the son of Joseph and Mehetabel, born in Framingham, June 2, 1735; was a schoolmaster many years; removed to Greenland, Exeter, and finally to Lancaster, N. H., where in 1837 he was living with his wife, formerly Anna Stone of Framingham.

The East Street School during three winters, 1775-6, '6-7, and '7-8, was in the care of Richard Woodward, Jr., the son of Richard and Susannah (Luce) Woodward, who married Deborah Ames of Dedham, Aug. 31, 1771.

The winter school of 1777-8 in the Fourth Precinct was taught by Nathaniel Battelle. This record may be his: "Nov. 29, 1764, Nathaniel Battle of Dedham, Silence Kingsbury of Wrentham."

In 1780 the school money was appropriated as follows:—

First Precinct,	£2308	6	0
Second	"	1146	4 5
Third	"	1126	6 2
Fourth	"	1418	13 3

This represents the extreme inflation of the Continental currency.

The penmanship of a hundred years ago was all executed with the quill pen; and yet it was remarkably good. It is rare to find any writing of the present day to compare with it. The method of teaching it was exact and laborious. For several years the beginners wrote only coarse hands, the short letters extending from line to line of paper coarsely ruled, say a half an inch apart. These letters were practised on till they were correct in shading and in the delicate hair lines. Especially was the pupil trained to hold the pen correctly, and rest the nibs equally on the paper, so as to make a perfectly

smooth line. Holding the pen correctly also caused the letters to take the proper slant. After a good degree of excellence in the short letters had been attained, the longer letters were practised on, the easier ones first, and so progressing to the f, which was considered the most difficult. It was two or three years before the capitals were undertaken, and at least two winters were consumed in mastering them. To secure freedom of hand, the pupil practised on the wave line in all its combinations in the most elaborate forms of the capital letters; at the same time maintaining the utmost regularity in the angle and length of the small letters. Finally the same forms were diminished to what is called fine hand. This, in its perfection, was almost equal to impressions made by the copper plate. Account books a hundred years old often show in their headings what the goose-quill pen was capable of doing. One of the most interesting and finished specimens of the art I ever saw was a bill made out by Dr. Jonathan Pope, in which he charged three pounds and twelve shillings for removing a cancer from the face of Jonathan Metcalf, Esq., and healing the ulcer. If his surgery equalled his penmanship, it must have been well worth the price charged in 1786.

Needlework was taught in the Dedham schools at a very early date. Patchwork, samplers and embroidery were common as early as 1780, and perhaps earlier. An exhibit of the pupil's skill in these branches of the art was generally made at the closing day of the school; and among the old families one may still see treasured specimens of what was done by great-grandmothers in the early schools.

The boys also were not less expert in making things for school use. As they were expected to rule their own copy-books, for no ruled paper was then sold in the stores, each one was accustomed to make his own ruler as shapely and handsome as possible. Also he fashioned his plummet to be used as a pencil in ruling; sometimes it took the shape of a hatchet or tomahawk. Many cast their own pewter inkstands; and some

even made their own ink, consisting chiefly of a decoction from oak bark and a modicum of iron rust. They were all ambitious to make and mend their own pens, and therefore generally carried in their pockets good, well sharpened pen knives for that use. A school boy without a knife in his pocket was regarded as somewhat lacking in smartness. The slate and slate pencil, now utterly extinct in our schools, taxed the boys' ingenuity in framing, adorning and keeping them clean and in good condition.

In the winter the boys who were old enough took turns in building the morning fire an hour before the school commenced. The older girls swept and dusted the school room and its furniture. Thus the school of early days fostered industrial and housekeeping ability, which we need not say, was highly profitable; and besides it encouraged self-help. The boys sharpened their own tools; and would have been greatly amused at the idea of hiring a person to sharpen their pencils. Under such conditions the boys and girls acquired a very good education; and, in the general results, the old schools compared favorably with the methods of the twentieth century.

Moses Haven, H. C. 1782, taught the grammar school in 1782-3. He was a nephew of Rev. Jason Haven, being the son of his brother Isaac and Ruth (Grant) Haven, and was born in Framingham, Sept. 5, 1754; died April 3, 1785.

Caleb Child taught school in the First Parish, in the winter of 1783-4. He was the seventh child of Caleb and Rebecca (Dana) Child, born in Brookline, May 13, 1767; graduated at Harvard College, 1787; after teaching five years and preaching occasionally in Roxbury he went to Albany, N. Y., and opened a school. June 1, 1798, he was certified as a Physician at Poughkeepsie and March 3, 1803, was appointed surgeon of a militia regiment. At Troy, N. Y., he was for several years apothecary, doctor, and preacher. July 21, 1799, he married Sarah Bramhall, of Armenia, N. Y. He died at Albany, Jan., 1830.

Rev. Ichabod Draper, H. C. 1783, was in charge of the grammar school, 1783-4. The eleventh child of Timothy and Hannah Draper, he was born in West Dedham, Aug. 24, 1755. He was settled in 1785 over a church in Amherst, N. H.; married Sarah Bowles of Amherst, Dec. 6, 1798; resigned his charge in 1809, but lived in Amherst till his death, Dec. 17, 1827. He served as a sergeant in the war of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Daniel Gookin taught the summer school of the First Parish in 1784. According to the Town Records Daniel Gookin, of Dedham, married Finis Peters, of Medfield, March 4, 1784. She was the daughter of William and Hannah (Chenery) Peters, born June 4, 1749, in Medfield, the youngest of eleven children.

It is a fact worth remembering that during the Revolution, or from 1775 to 1783, nine graduates of Harvard College were employed as teachers in the Dedham schools from one to four terms each. This shows that the stress of war did not lower their standard as some have supposed. As the currency became inflated the appropriation was increased, till in 1780 it became 6000 £.

Peter Woodward, H. C. 1776, was the teacher of the Third Parish in 1784-5. Among the baptisms of the First Church is the following: "Dec. 17, 1752, Peter, son of Mr. Richard and Mrs. Susanna (Luce) Woodward."

Thomas Hammond was schoolmaster in the Third Parish, 1785. He was born in Rochester, Aug. 17, 1766, graduated from Harvard College in 1787, and died in New Bedford, 1803.

In 1785-6, Henry Ware taught in the First Parish. He had just graduated, H. C. 1785, with highest honors. Born in Sherborn, April 1, 1764, he was settled as the successor of Dr. Ebenezer Gay at Hingham, Oct. 24, 1787. He became Hollis Professor at Harvard College in 1805. He had three wives and nineteen children—a school of his own. See Sprague's Annals, Unitarian Pulpit, for an interesting biography.

Lydia Clark had charge of the summer school of the First Parish in 1786. She came from Medfield, and Mr. Simeon Gould took very seasonable measures to secure her for a home in Dedham. His intention to marry her bears the date Nov. 11, 1786; and Dr. Prentice of Medfield made her Mrs. Gould on the nineteenth of April, 1788. So deliberate a marriage ought to be a happy one.

The Third Precinct during two winters, 1784-5 and 1785-6, enjoyed the services of Daniel Mayo, a student at Harvard College, from which he graduated in 1787. He was born at Warwick, Sept. 13, 1762, and lived till 1838; but of these fifty-one years of his post-graduate life we can give no account. He died in Newport, Kentucky.

In the winter of 1786-7 the Third Parish School was under the instruction of Solomon Vose, who graduated at Harvard College the next summer. He was the son of Col. Joseph and Sarah (Howe) Vose, of Milton, Mass., born July 22, 1768. After graduating he first settled in trade in Charleston, S. C.; but a dangerous illness soon caused him to return to the North, and he entered upon law studies with Hon. Levi Lincoln of Worcester, Mass. He commenced practice in Northfield, Mass., where he was appointed the first postmaster in 1798, and in 1801 and 1802 he was chosen Representative to the General Court; but he removed to Augusta, Maine, in 1805, having married Eliza Putnam Chandler, of Worcester, Sept. 11, 1796. He was successful in the law; but died suddenly, July 11, 1809, leaving four sons. His widow survived him fifty-two years, dying in 1862 at the age of ninety-one. He is spoken of as a man of "a noble figure, an impressive presence, and martial bearing." Several of his descendants have graduated from the New England colleges.

The same winter Jesse, the son of Enoch Ellis, taught in the eastern part of the Third Parish, where now is the Fisher School. He was probably the son of Enoch Ellis, of Walpole,

who married Juletta Ellis, of Dedham, and taught in the third parish in 1763-4.

In 1786-7 and 1787-8 John Wiswall had charge of the Mill School, here mentioned for the first time. His introduction to Dedham was somewhat earlier, according to this record: "Married by Rev'd. Mr. Haven, Dec. 30th, 1784, Mr. John Wiswall, of Newton, and Miss Lois Worsley, of Dedham."

From 1786 to 1789, George Ellis, of Medfield, taught the North School of the Third Precinct, here first mentioned, now known as the Burgess School. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Morse) Ellis, born in 1763. He taught in Medfield, 1784; went into trade in partnership with Johnson Mason; was Coroner, Selectman and Town Treasurer; married, 1786, Martha Chaloner; secondly, 1795, Meriel Fuller, of Newton; and thirdly, in 1797, Deborah Baker, of Dedham. His first wife bore him four children; Betsey, Mrs. Hensdale Fisher; John, who died at the age of 98 years; Patty, Mrs. Sheriff John Baker, Dedham; George, Treasurer of Norfolk County. Mr. Ellis died in 1808; his widow survived him 40 years.

Deborah Baker taught summer schools in the Third Parish, 1787 and 1788; also in East Street, 1789. That George and Deborah formed a pleasant acquaintance while they alternated in school duties, appears from the following:—

Married by the Rev^d Thomas Thacher, Feb. 16 [1797], George Ellis, Medfield, to Deborah Baker of Dedham.

Low Plain School first appears in the records in 1786-7, when Lemuel French was the teacher. He was born May 16, 1770, and died Feb. 8, 1809. Married Mary Bailey, sister of John Bailey, Representative to Congress, 1823-1831. His son, George French, was famous as a maker of telescopes. Lemuel French lived near the corner of Washington and Green Lodge streets, Canton, Mass. The house is now (1892) used as a barn.

Benjamin Weatherbee, Jr., taught one of the schools of the Third Precinct in 1786-7. The following records exist:

Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Susanna (Aldridge) Weatherbee, born Oct. 19, 1762. By Rev'd. Jabez Chickering, Benj'n Weatherbee [Jr.] and Lucy Morse, both of Dedham, Dec. 1st, 1785. Died. Oct. 6, 1827, Benjamin Weatherbee, aged 65.

The name is still respected in Dedham.

Sarah Avery, the daughter of Jonathan, taught the Middle School of the First Parish two summers, 1787 and 1788. She married Dea. Jonathan Richards, and they resided on the estate in Dedham, now known as Broad Oak, the home of the late Rev. Ebenezer Burgess, D. D., where the late Dea. Edward P. Burgess resided.

Polly Wheaton taught the school three weeks in the First Parish in the summer of 1787.

The Low Plain School was taught by Jonathan Fisher in 1787-8. He was the son of Jonathan and Catherine (Avery) Fisher, born in New Braintree, Mass., Oct. 7, 1768. In Sprague's Annals, his remarkable biography may be found. The following extract from it is pertinent here:— "About the close of 1787 he engaged in teaching a school in Dedham for three dollars per month. Here he continued for three months, at the same time prosecuting his own studies, and improving his hours of relaxation by making bird-cages which he turned to some pecuniary account. He entered the freshman class at Harvard in July, 1788. At a public exhibition in 1790 he delivered a Hebrew oration. While at Cambridge he prepared a philosophical alphabet and combined with it a system of stenography. In this he wrote more than twenty-five hundred sermons; the alphabet saved about one page in seven, and the stenography saved about half the paper and half the time in writing his sermons. He wrote French, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew with facility; and, to fill up his leisure, made a Hebrew lexicon. He settled in the ministry at Blue Hill, Maine, in 1796, where he spent a pastorate of forty-one years. He published a volume on scripture animals, of which the illustrations, drawn and engraved by his own hand, were a

great curiosity. The frontispiece of this book contains several trees, in the branches of which there is said to be a good profile likeness of the author. He was instrumental in founding the Blue Hill Academy, and in securing for it an endowment of half a township of land. He was a 'prodigy of industry to the end of his life,' which came on the 22d of September, 1847."

Every one who visits Dedham admires the Judge Haven house, recently owned and occupied by the late John R. Bullard. This house was built, and the noble English elms in front of it were planted, by Samuel Haven, who taught the Third Precinct School in 1787-8 and 1788-9. He was the son of Rev. Joseph and Catharine (Dexter) Haven, born April 5, 1771; graduated at Harvard College in 1789; studied law with Hon. Fisher Ames of Dedham, and with his cousin, the Hon. Samuel Dexter of Boston. On the formation of Norfolk County, he was appointed Register of Probate, an office which he held for forty years. He was also Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1804 till that court was abolished about 1811. He died in Roxbury, Sept. 4, 1847. He might be called a boy teacher, as he finished his second term, or winter before he completed his eighteenth year.

William Douglas was a schoolmaster in Dedham in 1788-89, but in what school, and for how long a term, is not ascertained.

The East Street School was taught by John Tyler in the winter of 1788-9. He is supposed to be "John, ye son of ye Revd. Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Mary Tyler, born March 14th 1763." No other John Tyler of that age has been found.

The next winter, 1789-90, in the same school, as teacher, we find John Metcalf, probably the son of Joseph and Ruth, born May 7, 1769.

The South Branch School of the Second Precinct was taught by Lewis Thorp in the winter of 1788-9. This record of Parson Balch, probably relates to him:—"Jan. 18, 1767. Baptized a child of Ephal [Eliphalet] Thorp, named Lewis."

Probably his mother's name was Hannah (Lewis) Thorp, who was married to Eliphalet, Dec. 17, 1762, by the Rev. Thomas Balch.

Caleb Ellis, Harvard College, 1793, taught in the East District of the Third Parish in 1788-9, and 1792-3. He was the son of Enoch and Juletta (Ellis) Ellis, born in Walpole, Mass., April 16, 1767. See Dedham Historical Register, Vol. III, page 177. He practised law in Claremont, N. H.; was a member of Congress, 1804 to 1809; Associate Justice of Superior Court from 1813 till May 9, 1816, the date of his death. He married Miss Nancy Means of Amherst, N. H., Feb. 4, 1816. His widow married Amos Lawrence of Boston. She died Nov. 27, 1866. Caleb Ellis left a bequest of \$5,000 for the support of the ministry in Claremont.

In the same school Olive Ellis taught three summers, 1788, 1789 and 1790. She was the daughter of William and Olive (Fairbanks) Ellis, born Feb. 3, 1767. What is remarkable, she died Feb. 3, 1837, having lived exactly the allotted age of man, three score and ten years, still bearing the same pretty name which she took from her mother.

Dr. Samuel Gould of Needham, was for several winters a teacher in Dedham: of the Mill School, 1788-9; East Street, 1792-3; North School of Third Parish, 1797; and the Second Middle School, 1798. He was the son of Maj. George and Rachael (Dwight) Gould, born in Sutton, Mass., Nov. 29, 1770, and married Esther, daughter of Jonathan Kingsbury. Where he was known it was esteemed a compliment to be called "as polite as Dr. Gould."

In 1789 the teacher of the North District, Third Parish, was Miss Betsey Wood. I find this record: "Married by the Revd. Mr. Thomas Thacher . . . April 19th [1791] Mr. Edward Whiting to Miss Elizabeth Wood, both of Dedham."

In 1789, School Districts were established by a statute in the following terms: "Be it enacted that the several towns and districts in this Commonwealth be, and they are

hereby authorized and empowered in town meetings to be called for that purpose, to determine and define the limits of school districts within their towns and districts."

At that time convenience and usage had already set up the following school districts in Dedham: in the First Parish, five districts, the First Middle, the Second Middle, East Street, Mill School and Low Plain; in the Second Parish, two districts, the North District and the South District; in the Third Parish, four districts, the Central District, the South District, Walpole Corner, the East District, Clapboardtrees, and the North District, Westfield; in the Fourth Parish only one school was mentioned. Thus the town had twelve schools. How many scholars attended each we cannot state; but it is evident that the school houses were well filled. In 1766 the school in the Second Parish contained upwards of ninety scholars; and doubtless the First Parish School near the Meeting House, was divided into First Middle and Second Middle, because of the large number of scholars.

In 1789-90 East Street had Ira Draper in charge of its school. He was the son of Abijah and Alice (Eaton) Draper, born Dec. 29, 1764; admitted to the Church Feb. 4, 1787, and married to Lydia Richards of Dover [Pub. April 19th, 1786]. Col. William Franklin Draper, his grandson, was Representative in Congress, for the Eleventh Mass. District.

Sarah Glover taught the North School or Westfield, Third Parish, in 1790. This record may be hers: "Sarah, daughter of Henry & Hannah Glover, born Jan. 13, 1763."

Eleazer Wight is found teaching the East District of the Third Parish, 1791-2, and 1792-3. He is on record as teaching somewhere in the First Parish in 1776. The following doubtless also refers to him:—"Married March 30, 1796, Eleazar Wight & Joa Wight, both of Dedham," by Rev. Mr. Haven.

Hannah Richards was mistress of the East District of the

Third Parish in 1792. Among the marriages is this :—" May 19, 1794, Oliver Gay to Hannah Richards," both of Dedham.

Jonathan Richards was master in the First Parish, West School (Upper Village), 1791-2. Whether this was Deacon Richards or another we cannot determine. If it was the deacon, he "merged" his honeymoon in school-keeping; as he married Sarah Avery on the 4th of January, 1791.

Elijah Dunbar was master of the East School of the Third Parish, 1791-2. He graduated from Harvard College in 1794, being a native of Canton, Mass.; was a tutor in Williams College, 1794-6; and the pastor of Peterboro, N. H., from 1799 till 1827. He lived till 1850.

Isaac Colburn, having been a teacher in Northboro from Dec. 31, 1788, till March 24, 1789, began to teach in Dedham, Dec. 21, 1789, and probably, was engaged every winter till March 20, 1797. He was the son of Isaac and Hepzibah (Pond) Colburn, born in West Dedham, August 8, 1766, and died May 10, 1845. He married 1st, Elizabeth Dexter of Marlboro; 2dly, Mary Harris of Needham, Nov. 17, 1817. See Dedham Historical Register, Vol. II., page 112 and III., page 143. He was the father of 15 children, several of whom, including one pair of twins, lived to be over ninety years of age. There is to be seen a photograph of the twelve children of his first wife in a group, taken when the youngest was 55 years of age and the oldest 75. His youngest son, Dana Pond Colburn, was the author of an arithmetic, and at the time of his death, Dec. 15, 1859, was principal of the Rhode Island State Normal School.

In the winter of 1792-3, Joshua Whiting was master in East Street. He was the son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Pond) Whiting, born Feb. 21, 1758. He appears to have married Mary Ellis, March 16, 1783. Died May 7, 1842, aged 84 years.

The South School of the Second Parish was under the instruction of Francis Dean two winters, 1792-3 and 1794-5. If

we interpret, or rather apply the records correctly, he was the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Balch) Dean, and the grandson of the Rev. Thomas Balch, minister at South Dedham. He was born Feb. 10, 1766, and was married to Hannah Morse of Canton, July 22, 1799.

Beginning in the summer of 1792, Anna Smith taught in the Middle District of the First Parish five successive summers. She was the daughter of William and Margaret Smith, born Oct. 6, 1769. On April 6, 1797, Mr. Haven joined her in marriage to Thaddeus Mason, with whom she lived over 30 years, dying June 26, 1828.

In 1792 the school money was proportioned as follows: to the First Precinct £28. 19s. 5d.; to the Second £28. 16s. 7 1-2d.; to the Third £28. 3s. 11 1-2d.: Total £86.

In 1792-3 we find Abner Ellis teaching in the Third Parish, North District. This was Col. Abner Ellis, Jr., who represented the town in the Legislature five years. The following are his records: — "Abner, son of Abner and Meletiah Ellis, born January 4th, 1770." "Married by the Rev. Thomas Thatcher, Decemr 18, [1793], Abner Ellis to Mary Gay." "Abner Ellis died Dec. 14, 1844, aged 75 years."

Abijah Draper, Brown University, 1797, taught the Low Plain children in the winter of 1792-3, and those of the Centre School, First Parish, in 1797-8 and 1799-1800. This was Dr. Draper, son of Maj. Abijah whose name is on the Pitt Monument in Dedham Village. Dr. Draper lived and died in Roxbury. He was a good classical scholar, and after he was settled in his profession often taught young men in preparation for college. It is said that he was accustomed to hear them recite their Cæsar without taking a book into his hands, being so familiar with that author that he could detect any mistake without seeing the text.

Jesse Draper was schoolmaster in the east division of the Third Parish in 1793-4. We suppose the following records apply to him: — "Jesse, son of Joseph and Hannah Draper,

born Feb. 26th, 1771." "Nov. 15, 1772. Baptized a child of Joseph Draper named Jesse." [South Ch. Records.] "May 25, 1797. [Married] by Rev. Benjamin Caryl. Jesse Draper of Dedham, Lois Draper of Dover."

The First Middle School of the First Parish, was under the care of Rev. William Montague three winters, 1793-4, '4-5, '5-6. He was born in South Hadley, Mass., Sept. 23, 1757, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Henry) Montague; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1784; was Rector of Christ Church, Boston, 1787-92; of Christ Church, Quincy, 1793-99; then of St. Paul's, Dedham, till 1818. He taught a school in Dorchester in 1800, having as his assistant, Lawrence Sprague, son of Dr. John Sprague of Dedham. He is said to have excelled as a teacher of mathematics. He was ordained by Bishop Seabury of Connecticut, and being in London, England, in 1790, he was the first minister who had been ordained in America, to occupy a pulpit of the English Church. He died in Dedham, July 22, 1833.

In the Third Parish, South District (now the Union School), Benjamin Fairbanks was the teacher for the winter of 1793-4. We suppose him to be the son of Benjamin and Mary Fairbanks, born Feb. 18, 1769. Also we find that Benjamin Fairbanks, Jr., was married to Miss Hannah Dean of Dedham, by the Rev. Jabez Chickering, Jan. 21, 1790. This concise history, which we hope will prove correct, is all we can write of this first teacher at Walpole Corner.

The same winter, 1793-4, Deacon Joseph Swan taught the young ideas to shoot in the Low Plain School. He was the son of Joseph and Mary (Hunting) Swan, born about 1772. Joseph Swan, Jr., married Nancy Fales, Dec. 25, 1794. Deacon Swan died Nov. 13, 1798. His daughter Adeline married Mr. Leonard Alden, who for many years occupied the Deacon Swan estate at Low Plain, or Readville.

Dr. Paul Dean was a teacher in the Centre School of the First Parish in 1794. He was the son of Ebenezer and probably Abigail (Fales) Dean; received his medical degree from Har-

vard College, 1813 ; died unmarried at St. Stephens, Alabama, July 11, 1831, aged 70.

Peter Thacher taught in the East District of the Third Parish, 1794-5, and 1795-6. He was the son of Rev. Peter Thacher of Attleboro, born Oct. 21, 1753, who spent most of life in his native town as a farmer : married Nanna, daughter of Capt. John Tyler, and died December 4, 1814.

Moses Gay, Jr., was a teacher for several winters ; first in the Walpole Corner School from 1794 to 1798 ; then in the Clapboardtrees District in 1802-3. This may be his record : "Novemr 26, [1801] Moses Gay, junr. to Mehitable Holmes, both of Dedham."

George Feachem is named as the teacher in the East School, Third Parish, for 1796-7. We can add nothing to this record.

Cynthia Whiting had the summer school of the Middle District, Third Parish, 1797. The following appears to be her record : "Jan. 24, 1799. Mr. Frederick Richards of Dedham, Miss Cynthia Whiting of Needham, by Stephen Palmer, Pastor of the First Church in Needham."

Two winters, 1797-8 and 1798-9, Jesse Peck was employed in the East Street school.

Dea. Abram Capen of Stoughton taught at Low Plain about 1798. When over ninety years of age, he showed me samples of ornamental writing which he executed in the little schoolhouse at Low Plain as copy for his pupils ; it was unique and beautiful.

Abigail Draper taught in the same school 1798-9 and 1800 : supposed to be the daughter of John, Jr., and Abigail Draper, born May 2, 1765.

Geo. Whitefield Adams of Medfield was in charge of the Middle School, First Parish, three winters at least, 1798-9, 1799-1800, and 1804-5. He was the son of Thomas and Sarah (Harris) Adams, and half brother of Hannah Adams, the distinguished authoress. He married Polly Drowne 1793, and died in Savannah, Georgia, in 1820.

Elizabeth Gould, commonly called "Betsey Gould," began to teach in Dedham Village in 1799, and according to the testimony of one of her pupils continued the work for eight years or more. Of course she was an acceptable teacher. She was married May 13, 1813 to Mr. Benjamin Simmons of Dorchester. It is said that she lived more than ninety years.

During the first half of the nineteenth century the spelling school was for the young people one of the most popular winter entertainments. It combined utility with not a little amusement; and all the boys and girls were eager to attend it. The hours were generally from seven to nine in the evening, unless a later hour of dismissal was rendered necessary by the difficulty of spelling down the contestants. Choosing sides was the most prominent feature of this school. The privilege of choosing was usually given to the two pupils who first volunteered for that important office. After casting lots for the first choice, they chose alternately those whom they judged to be the best spellers until all were chosen; and as fast as these were chosen, they took their places on opposite sides of the schoolroom, this being facilitated by the usual arrangement of the boys' and girls' seats. Then one on each side was appointed to keep the tally; after which the master put out the words from the spelling book, the first to the one who had the first choice, and then alternately from side to side in order. No one was allowed to try a word the second time. If a word was missed on both sides, and finally spelled correctly on the side where it was first missed, it was said to be saved, and was not counted in the tally. After spelling about an hour, the tally was reported, and the side having the fewest failures was declared victor. Then, after a short recess, they returned to their places and stood up to spell. The hardest words from the dictionary or any other source, provided they were English, were now given out; and those who missed took their seats till all were "spelled down." This was the usual mode of procedure; and was never much varied, except occasionally

a dialogue or declamation was introduced for variety. But the spelling school, pure and simple, was always sufficiently interesting; and its effects were highly beneficial to the community.

Mary Bullard, who was Mrs. Joseph Howe, after Aug. 26, 1800, had charge of the Middle School, First Parish, 1798 and 1799. She was the daughter of Dea. Isaac and Patience (Baker) Bullard, and was born Nov. 30, 1767.

Daniel Leeds in 1799-1800, was master of the Village School about six weeks. This was Daniel Leeds, Jr., son of Daniel and Abigail (Gore) Leeds of Dorchester, born May 7, 1764. His father was a schoolmaster, and I do not learn that the son had any other business. He taught at Dorchester Lower Mills in 1802, and some years following; died unmarried at the house of his brother in School Street, Boston, August 19, 1811.

He was succeeded by Phillips Clark of Medfield, who also taught six weeks; afterwards he taught in many other places, and was again teaching in Dedham in 1808-9. He was the son of Solomon and Jane (Phillips) Clark, born 1761, and died in Medway unmarried.

A new schoolhouse was built in Dedham Village in 1801. It was a brick structure of two stories, standing on the site of the original school and watch house, and cost \$1540; for which payment was made to Israel Fairbanks, Jr.

The first master in the new schoolhouse in 1800-1, was John Whitney, who graduated at Dartmouth College in 1797. He was the son of Ezra and Mercy (Morse) Whitney of Douglas, Mass. Afflicted with mental disease he became a "wanderer," and is supposed to have died in Georgetown, Ky., Feb., 1824.

Horace, the son of Eliphalet and Meletiah Fales, was born July 18, 1782, and was master of the East Street School in the winter of 1800-1.

Seth Gay, Jr., the son of Seth and Elizabeth (Richards) Gay, was master of the Upper Village School two winters,

1801-2 and 1802-3. He was born Aug. 10, 1780, and died July 25, 1859.

The following winter, 1803-4, Samuel Lowder, Jr. taught the same school. He graduated at Harvard in 1805, and lived till 1832.

March 24, 1803, Jabez Chickering, Jr., son of the Rev. Jabez Chickering of South Dedham, received sixty-three dollars for teaching the East Street School. He graduated at Harvard College in 1804, and married Miss Deborah D. F. Alleyne of Dedham, July 3, 1805.

Calvin Ellis taught the East School of the Third Parish in 1803-4. In Dedham Records, p. 115, we read: "Calvin, son of Beulah Ellis, born June 21, 1772." We suppose this to be the School Master, finding no other record.

In the central district of the Third Parish, Nathan Armsby began to teach in 1803, and continued five winters, and perhaps six. What other good works he did we are unable to declare.

For two summers, 1803 and 1804, Miss Miriam Wight, daughter of Joseph Wight, was in charge of the Second Middle School. On the 18th of December, 1805, she was joined in marriage to Capt. Asa Newell of Natick. It is said that they removed to New Hampshire.

Alpheus Baker was master of the First Middle School two winters, probably 1802-3 and 1803-4. He was the son of Sherebiah and Clotilda (Daniels) Baker, born at Athol, Mass., Nov. 3, 1780, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1801. After teaching in Dedham he went to Alabama, and was very successful as a teacher, and acquiring means he bought a plantation, to which he retired. He died in Columbus, Ga., Dec. 20, 1857.

In the winter of 1801-2, Dr. George Gould of Roxbury had charge of the Village School. He was the son of Major George and Rachel (Dwight) Gould of Sutton, Mass., where probably the Doctor was born. I have heard aged persons

speak of the Goulds, Samuel, Betsey and George, as famous teachers, whose services were in high esteem. With less severity than many of that day employed, their discipline was strict and their schools orderly.

Mr. Edward Roberts was Master of the Mill School two months in 1804. The following is found among the Intentions of Marriage in the Dedham Records: Mr. Edward Roberts and Miss Nancy Whiting, both of Dedham, April 29, 1809. Mrs. Roberts died Oct. 24, 1826, and on her tombstone is the following:—

Accept, blest shade

This last Sad tribute of Surviving love. E. R.

Betsey Metcalf of Providence, R. I., was mistress in the same school 12 weeks in 1804. She became Mrs. Obed Baker in 1807. Her fame connected with the manufacture of Leghorn bonnets need not be recounted here. Her portrait graces the walls of the Dedham Historical Society; her name and her family will not soon be forgotten in West Dedham, where she spent a long and useful life. In 1817 she organized in her own house the first Sunday School in the Town of Dedham.

In 1804-5 the First Middle School had as its master, James Flint, who was born in Reading, Dec. 10, 1781, and had graduated at Harvard in 1802. Having studied theology with Dr. Bates of Dedham, he was minister in East Bridgewater 14 years, from Oct. 29, 1806; then settled in Salem, Sept. 20, 1821. He published many sermons and some poetry; received the degree of S. T. D. in 1825; and died March 4, 1855 at the age of 75.

Nabby or Abigail Baker taught in Clapboardtrees six consecutive summers and one winter, 1809-10, beginning in 1804. She was the daughter of Daniel and Mary Baker born Sept. 3, 1775.

Polly Newell of Stockbridge was mistress of the East School of the Third Parish in the summer of 1804, and of the Central

School of the same Parish in 1806. She was married to Capt. Abner Ellis, April 21, 1807.

John Wickliffe Adams, half brother of the famous authoress, Hannah Adams, was master in Clapboardtress 1804-5 and 1805-6. "He taught school in several of the surrounding towns about that time. He died in 1870 aged 97."

Thomas Whiting, the eldest son of Calvin and Elizabeth (Fuller) Whiting, was paid in March, 1805, for teaching five weeks in the Second Middle School. He was subsequently a merchant in Boston, finally went to engage in trade in New Orleans, La., was very successful, became interested in a cotton plantation, and died of the yellow fever in 1828 at the age of forty-two years.

Beginning in 1806-7 Clapboardtrees, a name hereafter limited to the East District of the Third Parish, profited by the instruction of Richard Ellis, Esq., seven consecutive winters, and then again in 1820-21. This marriage record exists: "Jan 7, 1813. Mr. Richard Ellis & Miss Abigail Ellis Dean, both of Dedham" (Ch. Rec. of First Parish.) Mr. Ellis was for many years the Town Clerk of Dedham, and two of his grandchildren have held prominent positions as teachers in Boston Schools.

It would be interesting to see a complete account of what was done in the winter schools of this period. They often contained a few highly gifted pupils who were far in advance of their schoolmates, and were allowed to enter upon higher branches of study. A class in surveying was sometimes formed, and in many of the New England towns land was measured and boundaries were established, by men who learned to use the compass and the chain, and to calculate areas, from the teachers of the winter schools. Pike's Arithmetic furnished to those who were fond of mathematics a long course of study, almost equivalent to that pursued in the Colleges. I have by me a copy of "Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric" which was used as a school-book in Dedham as early as the year 1810. When-

ever a master was found to be gifted, or well equipped with learning, the more ambitious young men and women took advantage of their opportunities and formed a class in some new kind of mental culture. In this way the influence and usefulness of the instructor were increased, his power was made to produce its noblest fruits, and the community realized more fully "that the Schoolmaster was abroad."

William Learned Marcy graduated at Brown University in 1808, and while a member of college spent one winter in Dedham as teacher of the first Middle School. His honorable political career as Governor of New York, United States Senator, Secretary of War, and of State, is so well known as to make it unnecessary to dwell upon it here. He was born in Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 12, 1786. He was an officer in the war of 1812, and is said to have captured the first prisoners and the first flag taken from the British on land in that war. He died at Ballston Spa, N. Y., July 4, 1857. The highest mountain in the State of New York bears his name and will justly perpetuate his memory.

Benjamin James, who graduated at Brown University in 1805, taught in Dedham soon afterwards, probably in 1807. He became a chemist and physician in Boston; and one of his pupils informed me that his eyesight was seriously injured, if not destroyed, in a chemical experiment.

Sally Baker was the mistress of West Dedham in the summer of 1805. She was the youngest daughter of Eliphalet and Elizabeth (Fisher) Baker, born January 23, 1776, and died unmarried in 1850.

Gardner Daggett, Brown Univ. 1802, was master of the First Middle School in 1806-7. He subsequently practised law in Providence, R. I., and was prominent in the military service of that State.

David Bates, H. C. 1807, and A. M., was Mr. Daggett's contemporary in the Second Middle District. He was the son of Zealous and Abigail Bates of Cohasset, Mass., and the

brother of the Rev Dr. Joshua Bates of Dedham; born Sept. 12, 1784, and died in Westboro, Feb. 9, 1869.

John Howe of Roxbury was a teacher in some part of Dedham, about the year 1806. His name was given to me by one who attended his school, I think, in the first Middle District. He punished small boys by piling them under his desk, where they learned to keep still for a while, so long at least as they were used as the master's footstool. Mothers finally objected to this use of their children.

Celia Baker, in the summer of 1807, taught in West Dedham. She was the daughter of Joseph and Monica, born Feb. 20, 1787; married Ellis Colburn, Dec. 25, 1810, and died Jan. 8, 1854.

Nabum Harrington, of Brown University 1807, was in charge of the First Middle School two winters, 1807-8 and 1808-9. He studied law and settled in Westborough, Mass., which he represented in the legislature in 1832. He married Mary Fairbanks of Dedham, Jan. 4, 1816. His son was for many years Superintendent of Schools in the city of New Bedford.

Willard Ellis taught the Mill School eight weeks in 1807-8. Money was drawn from the town treasury for twenty scholars. Wages \$14 per month; board \$1.86 per week. He was the son of William and Olive, born June 12, 1785, and was married to Mary Morse of Dedham, July 1, 1810, by Rev. Thomas Thacher.

The following summer the Mill School was managed still more economically. Miss Lucretia Whiting taught nine weeks for nine dollars; and Hezekiah Whiting boarded her for one dollar per week; but in November of the same year, Rev. Joshua Bates joined Lucretia Whiting in marriage to Mr. Lemuel Babcock, Jr., of Milton. She was the daughter of Abner and Loacada Whiting, born Jan. 10, 1787.

About 1809 James B. Dorrance, Brown Univ. 1809, for

a few weeks only, taught the First Middle School. Afterwards he was a well-known capitalist in Providence, R. I.

He was succeeded by Titus Strong, who had been a writer in the office of Horatio Townsend, Esq., Clerk of Courts. He was a fine elocutionist and interested his school in speaking and composition. For a time he edited the Norfolk Repository. Finding some church books in Mr. Townsend's office he was induced by their perusal to study for the ministry, and was ordained deacon in 1814, and in 1815 became the Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield, Mass. He taught several terms, one as late as 1813-14. Among the Intentions of Marriage in Dedham is the following: "Mr. Titus Strong and Miss Hannah Dwight, both of Dedham, June 24, 1808." Dr. Strong ranked high among the clergy of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and by his numerous publications was widely influential.

We find Edward Rawson teaching the West Dedham School 1809-10; but we are unable to give any facts of his antecedent or subsequent history, except that he probably died at Woonsocket, R. I., June, 1833.

Ansel French taught the Mill School fourteen weeks, 1809-10. I find his name nowhere else in Dedham records, or any other.

Jeremy F. Tolman closed his school in the mill district Jan. 31, 1809, probably a two months term. He was the son of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tolman, born in Needham Dec. 17, 1784; married Elizabeth Leland Oct. 25, 1814; commenced preaching in Dana, Mass., 1814; at Templeton, 1816; refused ordination, preferring pioneer life in the wilds of New York; settled at Jumin, N. Y., where he was ordained April, 1819; was for many years pastor of a Baptist Church in Sandwich, Illinois, and died there March 24, 1872. "His distinguishing characteristic was Faithfulness."

Rhoda Whiting instructed the Mill School three summers, 1809, 1811, and 1813. Of her we only know that she was the daughter of Rufus and Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1787.

Hannah Tyler of Attleborough came to Dedham to teach in the 2d Middle District in 1808. She married Gen. Nathaniel Guild June 10, 1810, and spent the remainder of her days in Dedham.

The next summer, 1809, the Second Middle School was taught by Chloe Morse, the sister of Rev. Abner Morse, the genealogist, and the aunt of the Hon. Elijah Adams Morse, a recent Representative in Congress.

In 1809 Sybil Mudge was school mistress in the Second Middle, or Upper Village district. She was the daughter of Joseph and Lois (Pratt) Mudge of Wrentham, born Feb. 1, 1787; taught schools in Needham and Westminister, Mass., and in Winchester, N. H.; married Col. Alvin B. Doolittle of Winchester; died there Nov. 8, 1836.

Abigail Ellis Dean taught schools in Dedham from 1810 to 1813. She was the daughter of Phineas Ellis and Jerusha (White) Dean, born in Dedham, April 25, 1789. She was educated at Day's Academy, Wrentham; married Richard Ellis, of Dedham, Jan. 7, 1813, and died in Canton, Mass., Dec. 26, 1889. She is the only centenarian among the Dedham teachers.

Harriot Wilson taught the Mill School three summers, 1810, 1812, and 1817. The first summer she received precisely \$1.45 a week. We hope they made it \$1.50 afterwards.

Joseph Onion began to teach school in the Second Middle district in 1810. He had charge of the Clapboardtrees School in 1814 and 1815, and of the Westfield School in 1820-1, 1825-6 and 1826-7. He was born July 3, 1786, married Phelinda Bills, Dec. 25, 1816. He was a descendant of Robert Onion, one of the early settlers of Dedham, and always resided in this town, where he died Feb. 15, 1866, leaving five children.

Daniel Armsby was schoolmaster two winters in West Dedham, 1810-11, and 1811-12. Other facts relating to him have been sought in vain.

Mrs. Hannah Richards, summer of 1811, was teaching in West Dedham. She was the wife of Moses Richards; died in 1827, aged 42.

A Mr. Gould was the teacher of the Mill School three months, 1810-11; but nothing more definite is found.

The Clapboardtrees School had two teachers in the summer of 1811, Roxa and Mary Whiting. The first was the daughter of Abner and Loacada, born Jan. 29, 1789, and married Capt. Aaron Baker, Nov. 4, 1812. She died Feb. 29, 1852, at the age of 63. The second was the daughter of Paul and Mary, born Oct. 18, 1793. Other facts concerning her are wanting.

Thaddeus Whiting, whose history, previous or subsequent, we have not been able to trace, taught the Westfield School in the winter of 1811-12.

Fanny Bacon taught in West Dedham, 1812.

The winter schools in South Dedham were instructed in 1810-11 and 1813-14, by Mr. Jesse Pierce, soon after known as Colonel Pierce, of Stoughton, the son of Jesse and Catherine (Smith) Pierce of that town, born Nov. 7, 1788. Being a diligent student he had acquired a good education in the common schools of Stoughton, and after some success in teaching, he added to his qualifications by a short course of study in the Taunton Academy under the tuition of the Rev. Simeon Doggett, a graduate of Brown University in 1788. He first taught school in Stoughton, then alternating, probably, with those in Dedham, and arranging his terms accordingly; and afterwards taught the West School of Milton three years, and the school on Milton Hill two years. In 1816 he was commissioned Colonel of the Second Regiment, Second Brigade and First Division of the Massachusetts Militia. In 1819 he opened a private school in Milton, on the Bay Road near the Lower Mills Village, which continued five years and was attended by many who became well known citizens. In 1824 he married Miss Eliza S. Lillie, of Milton, and removed to Stoughton.

He immediately opened a private school for boys at his own house, which he continued till 1829, when he finally relinquished teaching, and gave his attention to his farm, and such miscellaneous work as conveyancing and the settlement of estates. He represented Stoughton in the legislature six years, and was active in the debate of many important questions. He removed from Stoughton in 1849 to the Lower Mills Village in Dorchester, where he spent the remainder of his life, occupying the house which was in 1890 the residence of his eldest son, the Hon. Henry L. Pierce. He died Feb. 3, 1856, and an obituary of him justly says: "He was for many years a distinguished teacher, and numbers among his pupils many men who now occupy prominent positions in public life. He was a man of strict integrity, high-minded and honorable, and universally beloved and respected in all the various relations of life." Col. Pierce left two sons: the Hon. Henry Lillie Pierce, best known, perhaps, as a former mayor of Boston; and the Hon. Edward Lillie Pierce, whose *Life of Charles Sumner* is a work of rare excellence.

Hannah Ferry, said to be of Milton, was the teacher of the Second Middle School nineteen and two thirds weeks in the summer of 1813, at seven and six pence (\$1.25) per week. This, with board, was the customary price for female teachers at that day.

Rufus Mills, of Needham, began to teach in the Westfield District 1812-13, and continued in the Mill School, 1813-14 and 1815-16. He was the son of Samuel and Esther (Kingsbury) Mills, born May 10, 1792. He married in 1821, Sarah Eames, daughter of Rev. Stephen Palmer. He learned the printer's art in the office of the *Dedham Gazette*, when Judge Metcalf was its editor. The *Needham Chronicle* of July 27, 1878, says: "In some respects he was a remarkable man, well preserved, companionable and courteous. And although the snows of four score years and ten had passed over his head, yet from his erect carriage and active movements, as he passed

through our streets less than a year ago, it was hard to convince one unacquainted with him, that he was more than sixty, so remarkably did he bear his age." He died in July, 1878.

Dr. Danforth Phipps Wight began to teach in Westfield District in 1813, and had charge of the Second Middle School in 1817-18. He was the son of Rev. Ebenezer Wight, born Feb. 8, 1792, graduated at Harvard 1815, began the practice of medicine in Barnstable, Mass., and returned to Dedham in 1842, where he died June 8, 1874. He was deeply interested in history and genealogy, and published an account of the Wight Family in 1848. At his suggestion, John Langdon Sibley undertook the work which resulted in his "Harvard Graduates." Dr. Wight was also active in the cause of education, and rendered good service in the establishment of the High School in Dedham. He was president of the Dedham Hist. Soc. 1865-68, and was the author of many interesting papers which he read at its meetings. Much more might be said of his virtues and his work.

Shiah Battle, so his name appears in the only record I find, was master in the same school 1812-13.

The Mill School was taught by Luther Paul in the winter of 1812-13. He was the son of Ebenezer and Abigail, born in Dedham July 5, 1793, and became a resident in Newton, where he spent his days in agricultural pursuits.

The teacher in Westfield District, 1812, was Abigail Bullard, of whom we are able to give no very definite information. She was probably a sister of Willard Bullard, and a native of the district.

About 1813, John R. Cotting taught the Second Middle School, and afterwards became a lay reader in the Protestant Episcopal Church. His father at that time lived on the spot where Mrs. Albert Hale's house now stands, 1904.

Eliza Newell was evidently an excellent teacher, as she was entrusted with the care of the West Dedham children five

long summers of 20 or more weeks in 1813, '14, '15, '16 and '17. She also taught the winter school of 1815-16.

Abigail Bigelow taught the Summer School in Westfield District, 1813.

Pliny Whitney taught at West Dedham in the winter of 1813-14. He was the son of Samuel and Thankful (Wilder) Whitney, born Nov. 13, 1787; married Caroline Dean at Mt. Vernon, N. H., Oct. 23, 1823, and resided at Milford, N. H.

Before 1800 Private Schools began to be maintained in Dedham village. The following obituary notice refers to one who was instrumental in giving such schools their good reputations: "1814. Feb. 3. Died Mrs. Elizabeth Cranch, *Æ.* 60. for many years an eminent teacher of a Young Ladies' Academy."

Capt. Elijah Tucker of Milton made a good record as a teacher in Dedham. He began at Low Plain in 1814, continued in the Clapboardtrees, 1816-17, 1818-19; in East Street, 1826-7; again in Clapboardtrees, 1827-8 and 1828-9. He lived to be over ninety years of age.

Justin W. Clark and Avery Rawson carried through the winter school in West Dedham, 1814-15; the former six, and the latter ten weeks. Of neither can we give any further information.

We find Deborah Dean teaching the Clapboardtrees School in 1814. We suppose she was the daughter of Samuel H. and Deborah, born Jan. 20, 1790; and that she married Samuel A. Gerould of Keene, N. H., May 3, 1820. Such is the record of Rev. William Cogswell.

Joanna Whiting was mistress in the Mill School, 1814.

Samuel Fairbanks was master there, 1814-15. He may have been from Newton; and if so, was probably married by Mr. Cogswell to Miss Hannah Jackson, April 16, 1818.

If mistakes are made in respect to the teachers of this period, it will not be because the records are over-abundant.

As the aged persons who could give trustworthy information died several years ago, the reader must not be too exacting.

Miss Sarah Hannah Boies Alleyne was a teacher in the Second Middle School for a short term in 1814. She was the daughter of Abel and Anna (Chase) Alleyne, born in Milton, Mass.; was educated in Dedham schools, and married Mr. Frederick Beck, a merchant of Boston, Jan. 2, 1816; went to reside at 68 Warrenton Street, and there lived till she died at the age of seventy years and was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Colburn Ellis was teaching in Westfield District in 1814-15 and 1818-19, and afterwards in the Low Plain district. He was the son of George and Mary (Gay) Ellis, born Feb. 6, 1792, and married Lucy Ellis, of Walpole, March 11, 1815; spent his life in West Dedham, and held many town offices. He died June 15, 1864.

In 1818 the Second Middle School was in charge of Lucinda Alden, daughter of Paul and Rebecca Alden. She married Sauveur Francis Bonfils, of Newport, R. I., June 20, 1819. Miss Alden had taught in the Westfield School in 1814; and in the First Middle in 1817.

In the summer of 1815 the mistress of the Westfield School was Nancy Dana of Watertown. In the year 1827 she became the wife of John Burrage, Jr., of Quincy.

Samuel M. Worcester, D. D., of Salem, while a member of Harvard College, from which he graduated in 1822, taught the Centre School one winter. I write this on the authority of the late Miss Elizabeth Skillings, who attended his school. He was a tutor and professor in Amherst College, and Pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Mass., from 1834 to 1860. He died in Salem, Aug. 16, 1866.

Abigail Prentice, the daughter of the Rev. Thomas Prentice of Medfield, taught the West Dedham School in 1815, and the Second Middle School in the summer of 1819. She was united in marriage to Capt Jeremiah Baker of West Dedham,

June 2, 1822, as his third wife. Mrs. Baker died Oct. 31, 1848, aged 57 years.

Fanny Baker was paid for teaching nine weeks in West Dedham, 1815.

Rev. Seth Chapin was born in Meriden, in 1796; graduated at Brown University in 1808; settled in the ministry at Hillsborough, N. H., Jan. 1, 1812. He resigned June 26, 1816, and turned his attention to teaching. For three winters he was employed in the Mill School, according to the record, "seventy-one days at seventy-one dollars." Afterwards he was a pastor in Hanover, Mass., then in New York, and last in West Granville, Mass. He died in 1850.

In the winter of 1816-17 the Second Middle School was instructed three months by Daniel Saunders Bullard of Sherborn. He was the youngest son of Nathaniel and Mary (Saunders) Bullard of Needham, graduated at Brown University in 1817, and was living in Andover in 1886.

In 1817, during the summer, a school was maintained on Dedham Island by the Second Middle District "According to a vote." The total expense of it was \$25. "Of this amount \$7.58 was paid to the teacher, \$11.75 to Josiah Smith for board; \$3.33 to Ez'k'l Kingsbury for room, \$1.50 to James Farrington for wood, 84 cents for horse and chaise hire." What school-mistress rode in the chaise was not recorded.

At the time of the Great Gale of September 23, 1815, James Foord was teaching in the brick schoolhouse of the First Middle district. The windows were open, or were blown open, and many of the books were carried out by the wind. Thus runs the tradition, and we find no reason to doubt its truth. Mr. Foord had graduated the year before at Brown University, and was doubtless teaching to earn the means for continuing his studies. By such work in Roxbury and other towns he had defrayed the charges of his preparatory and collegiate education. He studied law with Judge Metcalf in Dedham, and with Governor Morton in Taunton. In 1819 he settled in Fall River,

and spent there the remainder of his long, useful and honored life. He was the son of James and Hannah (Blake) Foord of Milton, born Aug 3, 1784; married Dorcas Adams in 1824; and she dying in 1840, he married Mrs. Hannah Weaver in 1842; edited the Fall River Monitor twenty-five years; was mayor of Fall River, and held many other public offices, and continued his professional labors till a few days before his death, which occurred July 27, 1873.

About 1818 the East Street School was taught by Nathaniel Smith. He was the son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Aiers) Smith, born in Dedham, where he married Miss Betsey Foord June 14, 1821. He occupied and cultivated the farm inherited from his father, on which he died Nov. 1, 1861, aged 73 years, 9 months and 9 days. He did not desire public office, but was sometimes elected an assessor; he was, however, widely respected for his intelligence and integrity.

Miles T. Gardner for several years, beginning about 1816, taught a private school in Dedham in the house now occupied by Mrs. Thomas L. Wakefield. It was well patronized by the leading citizens, but no dates of its beginning and ending are attainable. In the Dedham records we find this publishment: "1838. Ap. 22. Mr. Miles T. Gardner of Dedham and Miss Martha Cotting of West Cambridge."

Frank Battelle taught in Mill Village, 1816-17: and Emery Fisher, in West Dedham the same winter. The latter was born in Palmer; married Bathsheba——, of Yarmouth.

Clapboardtrees had Mrs. Fisher Starr for school-mistress summer of 1816. Who was Mrs. Fisher Starr? This record of publishment is found: "Mr. Fisher Starr of Dedham and Miss Hannah Soper of Milton, Aug 26, 1814." He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth, born Sept. 10, 1789.

Also in 1816 the Mill School was taught by Mrs. Nancy Emery. Who was Mrs. Nancy Emery? Rev. Joshua Bates seems to have been instrumental in determining her name. Here is the record: "Mr. George Emery of Dedham and Miss

Nancy McIntosh of Dorchester, May 8, 1816." Thus Mrs. Emery, in spending the first summer of her married life teaching school, imitated Mrs. Richard Ellis, the centenarian; but we have no proof that she lengthened her life thereby.

Polly Richards, supposed to be the daughter of Eliakim and Lydia, born Aug. 27, 1778, taught Westfield three summers, 1816, '17 and '18. But Dr. Lamson, on June 5, 1822, pronounced her the wife of Calvin Howe of Watertown, Mass.

Henry Fiske, perhaps from Wrentham, instructed West Dedham children in the winter of 1816-17.

About this time, we cannot fix the exact date, Loretta Sweet of Attleboro began to teach in Dedham, and continued for eight or ten years. She also taught in Providence, R. I., Waltham, Mass., and other places; in all 28 years. Finally her nervous system became disordered, and she found a home in an asylum at Worcester. During her residence there, Governor Banks on a visit to the institution, recognized her as his former teacher, gave her the credit of "starting him on the road to learning," and, on bidding her good-by, left ten dollars in her hand.

James Hayward was master in the Second Middle Dist. about 1816, and Josiah Caldwell from Ipswich a little later. Nothing else has been ascertained concerning them.

In 1817 a master by the name of Smith in the Second Middle School was dismissed for reckless conduct in "throwing things" at his pupils. One boy was wounded; and this caused Mr. Martin Bates, the boy's guardian, to enter the schoolroom and protest in the presence of the scholars. This incident was described to me by a member of the school after she was ninety years old.

Isaac Morrill, son of Dr. Morrill of Natick, continued the school nine weeks to complete the winter term.

Dolly F. Curtis had charge of the Mill School 12 weeks in 1820.

Richard Greene Parker, H. C. 1817, soon after leaving

college began to teach in the Centre School. He was the son of Bishop Parker and was the author of several excellent school text-books. His "Aids to English Composition," "Natural Philosophy," "Outlines of History," and "Geographical Questions" were extensively used and passed through many editions. He spent most of his life as a teacher in Boston, residing several years in Dedham, and occupying Lilac Lodge, the estate fronting the church green and opposite the Judge Haven mansion. Among the reminiscences of his teaching one of his pupils recalls the fact that while he was absent for his nooning, some rogues used to borrow from his desk the letters which he had written to the prospective Mrs. Parker, and read them aloud to the company which lunched in the schoolroom. As Mr. Parker was the master of a good style, we may reasonably infer that many a love-letter, written afterwards in Dedham, was much improved by the influence of these purloined models of a style not discussed in "Parker's Aids to English Composition." He was born in Boston, Dec. 25, 1798; died in Waltham, Sept. 25, 1869.

Horatio Gates Wheaton, a graduate of Brown University in 1820, taught the winter school in West Dedham, 1817-18. He died in 1824.

The same winter the Mill School was in the care of Jeremiah Capen.

In Clapboardtrees, 1817, the teacher was Elizabeth Whiting, daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth of Dedham, born Nov. 4, 1793, and married to Col. Eaton Whiting of West Dedham, Jan. 2, 1820. She died Jan 10, 1821, and her virtues were fitly portrayed in a poem by her devoted friend, the wife of her pastor, the Rev. John White.

Elizabeth Alden taught the Second Middle School in the summer of 1817. She was the daughter of Paul and Rebecca (Newell) Alden, born in Newton, Oct. 14, 1798, and a descendant of John Alden, the pilgrim. Aug. 22, 1820, she married Amasa Hewins, who, at that time, was engaged in trade in

Dedham Village. He soon removed to Boston where he became well known as an artist. Of their nine children seven were living in 1898. She died in Dedham, Oct. 1862.

In 1817 Miss Rebecca Alden received \$33 for teaching in the Second Middle District. She was the daughter of Paul and Rebecca (Newell) Alden, born in Newton, April 6, 1802, and was united in marriage to Moses Gragg in Dedham, Jan 6, 1820. She died in Roxbury, Dec. 1, 1865, leaving to mourn her loss, her husband and all their ten children.

In the Westfield District Jesse Ellis was the teacher 1817-18, the son of Joel and Azubah, born 1790. He married Julia Dean, Sept. 26, 1822. Their children were, Julia D., John, Caroline, Alfred and Joel.

John Parsons kept school in West Dedham three winters, 1818 to 1821, evidently a meritorious teacher; but what other creditable work he did in this world we can not state.

Julia Adams taught for 14 weeks in the same school, summer of 1819.

Cynthia Whiting, mistress of the Mill School in the summer of 1818, daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Mason) Whiting, was born April 8, 1791, died Feb. 6, 1841.

Benjamin Gay was master of the Westfield winter school, 1818-19, '19-20 and '21-22, and Elizabeth Gay was mistress there, 1819 and 1820, of the summer schools.

The primary department of the First Middle School in 1818 and 1819 was under the care of Miss Rebecca Damon. She soon afterwards opened a store in Dedham Village, and in 1833 became the second wife of Elisha Mackintosh, her sister Nancy succeeding her in the store.

In the winter of 1818-19 the Second Middle School was taught by John Dix Fisher. He was the son of Aaron and Lucy (Steadman) Fisher of Needham, born March 27, 1797; graduated at Brown University 1820; took his medical degree at Harvard in 1825; continued his medical studies in Europe; and soon after his return conceived the idea of an institution

for the instruction of the blind which finally resulted in "The Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind." In 1829 he published a volume on the small pox fully illustrated. He was the physician of the Perkins Institution, and a trustee for twenty years from 1830 to 1850. He died in Boston, March 3, 1850.

Miss Julia Lindley taught in West Dedham, in 1818; and in the Clapboardtrees School in 1825. She subsequently gave her attention to millinery and dressmaking. She died in West Dedham, March 20, 1842, aged 46. She led a useful life and was much respected.

Mary Ellis was a popular teacher in West Dedham from 1818 to 1829, teaching there seven summers. She was the daughter of Abner and Mary Ellis, born Feb. 20, 1800; and married Theodore Gay, 2d, in 1833. She died Dec. 13, 1882.

Barnum Field, a graduate of Brown University in 1821, taught school in the South Parish two winter terms, 1819-20 and 1820-21, according to one who was his pupil there. Mr. Field died in 1851.

Mary Dean taught in Clapboardtrees the summer of 1818. We suspect this is her record by Rev. Mr. Coggswell: "Dec. 14, 1825. Dea. Dean Chickering to Miss Mary Dean, both of Dedham." It is possible, however, that she married Mr. Ellis Morse of Walpole, July 23, 1820. Her descendants must solve the doubt.

The treasurer of the Mill District paid A. Capen for teaching the winter school 1818-19. No other account of him has been found.

John Fessenden, the son of Thomas and Lucy (Lee) Fessenden of Lexington, and a graduate of Harvard College, the first scholar in the class of 1818, was in charge of the Second Middle School in the winter of 1819-20. He graduated from the Cambridge Divinity School in 1821; was a tutor in Harvard College, 1825-27; and in 1830 settled in the ministry at Deerfield, Mass. He was united in marriage to Miss Nancy

Baker of Dedham, Oct. 24, 1830, and came to reside in Dedham in 1840. About 1842 he opened a private school which was continued several years in Dedham Village. For many years he was an efficient member of the School Committee, and an active promoter of the High School in its early days. He died May 11, 1881, aged 77.

Miss Elizabeth Foord took charge of the primary department of the Village School in 1819, probably for two years. She became Mrs. Nathaniel Smith June 14, 1821, and spent her remaining days in Dedham, where her descendants are well known and esteemed.

Rev. Jonathan Farr, H. C. 1818, was the schoolmaster in the Second Middle District soon after his graduation. He was born in Harvard Sept. 20, 1790, and died June 12, 1845.

Amelia White spent two summers in charge of the Clapboardtrees School, 1819 and 1820.

Timothy M. Mann conducted the same school three winters, 1819 to 1821, which proves his popularity.

Asa Gowen taught in the upper room of the First Middle School in 1819. He advertised for a class in penmanship from 11 to 12 o'clock, and from 4 to 5. Whether his was a private school or not, I have not been able to determine.

At this period, if we may judge from the pupil's reports, and certainly they ought at the age of eighty to report truly, there was in the Dedham schools much strictness of discipline, and not a little severity of punishment. A lady who was a pupil in a summer school about 1820, says that she had a little cousin visiting her, and as was a common practice she took her to the school, and childlike they whispered to each other. For this offence the teacher tied them both to her chair by the thumbs and kept them there an hour or more. Another lady assured me that it was the custom of one of her teachers to hang small boys out of the window, making them fast by letting the sash rest down on their backs heavily enough to hold them securely. The long and heavy ruler was by some teachers carried in the hand

constantly, and so became a ready instrument of punishment and torture.

But on the whole, probably, the habit of obedience acquired in school more than compensated for the occasional discomfort which the pupils suffered. It should not be forgotten that young persons need much more restraint when surrounded by their mates than when they are alone. Especially are boys easily led by a multitude into evil ways, and then it is necessary to use decisive measures to save them from ruin.

But rewards as well as punishments were used to secure good order and improvement in learning. The "Reward of Merit" and the "Medal" were thought to be valuable helps to the teacher. The silver quarter, half-dollar, or dollar even hung around the neck of the bright one that stood at the head of the class in spelling. It made a pleasing variety when there was a daily change, the one at the head to-day going to the foot to-morrow. Young eyes shone when rivals "got up" one or more on their way to the head of the class. Somebody at last discovered, or thought he did, that "getting up to the head" fostered emulation, and now we see but little rivalry in our schools. Whether the cause of learning has gained by the change is a debatable question.

About 1820 Enos Foord taught a private school in Dedham. He was the son of James and Hannah (Blake) Foord, born in Milton, Oct. 21, 1796. He married Elizabeth Davenport and resided in Dedham, where he was Register of Deeds for Norfolk County forty years, 1821 to 1861, and secretary and treasurer of the Dedham Institution for Savings ten years, 1834 to 1844. One brother and four sisters of Mr. Foord were teachers in the Dedham public schools. He was a man of decided opinions, and his influence in public affairs was both conservative and progressive. All real improvements found in him an active supporter, mere novelties received from him little favor. His most useful life ended April 22, 1861.

Samuel Tyler of Foxboro was the teacher of the Second

Middle School about 1820. He was the brother of Mrs. Gen. Guild, which accounts for his coming to Dedham.

Joshua Fales of Dedham was the master of the East Street School in 1820-21. He married Polly Bussey, May 26, 1812; was a captain in the war of 1812. He married Harriet Tucker of Milton, Aug. 4, 1822; was chorister in the Unitarian Church forty years, and deacon in the same church; was a representative in the Legislature six years, also for some years selectman and school committee. He died April 26, 1852.

In the summer of 1820 the Second Middle School was taught ten weeks by Eliza Gay, the daughter of Thaddeus and Charlotte (Colburn) Gay of West Dedham. She taught the Mill School in 1830, the East Street School perhaps later, and the Second Middle again in 1836. She married Sidney Perkins of Sharon, Sept. 24, 1848. She left a legacy of \$500 to establish a library in West Dedham.

In the winter of 1821-2 the school in West Dedham was taught by Elmer Brigham, the son of David Brigham of Westborough, born Sept. 8, 1798; he lived till March, 1871. He was educated at Bradford Academy. He was a Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature three years, a Senator one year or more, and a Councillor from the Worcester District in 1855. He was a teacher in Westborough and surrounding towns many years, and served in various town offices. He was a farmer and engaged largely in the milk business, being one of the original members of the "Westborough Milk Company," one of the first in the State. He was a brother of the Rev. David Brigham, for many years a pastor in East Randolph.

In 1821 Mary Ann Sturtevant of Needham taught the Second Middle School twelve weeks. According to the testimony of one of her pupils she was a very earnest and efficient teacher. She is said to have married a Mr. Shepherd of Wrentham.

James Plaisted, who graduated at Brown University in

1823, was master in the Second Middle District in 1821-2 and 1822-3.

In Clapboardtrees we find Irene F. Everett teaching in 1821 and 1822. The following Publishment evidently relates to her later history: "Mr. Joel Ellis and Miss Irene F. Everett, both of Dedham, October 28, 1832.

A Mr. Dupee taught East Street School in the winter of 1821-2 as we learn from a Diary kept by Capt. Asahel Smith.

Charlotte Farrington was mistress of the Mill School two summers 1821 and 1822. She was the daughter of Stephen, Jr. and Lucy Farrington, born March 12, 1798, lived single to the age of 80, and in her last days was kindly cared for by her niece, Miss Mary Hodges. "Aunt Charlotte" died in Dedham, 1878.

Rebecca Kingsbury was mistress of Westfield School four summers, 1821-2-3 and 5. She was the daughter of Nathaniel, Jr., and Lucy (Ellis) Kingsbury, born Feb. 13, 1801, and became a member of the Orthodox Church in 1828.

About 1822 Henry Sweet was master of the first Middle School. He was a person of a delicate constitution and in a conflict with a vicious youth whom he tried to correct was entirely disabled for three months. He subsequently settled in the ministry at Palmer, Mass., and died about one year afterwards.

Charles Fiske of Waltham was the master in the East Street School in the winter of 1822-3. A letter written to Capt. Asahel Smith of the School Committee shows that he was a fine penman and of scholarly habits.

The mistress of the Second Middle School in the summers of 1822 and 1823 and of the Mill School in 1826 was Rebecca, the daughter of Amasa and Rebecca (Whiting) Guild, born in Dedham, Nov. 13, 1801. She married Edward M. Richards, Nov. 22, 1827, and always resided in Dedham. With memory still unimpaired she delighted to review the days and scenes of her youth, and was not less interested in the occurrences of the present time. She furnished me so much information concerning the early teachers, and related so many anecdotes of her

own school life that I desire to express here my gratitude for her kind assistance in preparing this record. She died in Dedham April 4, 1895.

Sanford Partridge Pond was the teacher of the Clapboard-trees School 1822-3. He was the son of Capt. Abner and Mercy (Partridge) Pond, born in Wrentham where he died unmarried, March 17, 1827. "He was a well known teacher and left behind him a reputation for intelligence and piety."

Nathan Metcalf was the master of the West Dedham School in the winter of 1822-3. He was the son of Nathan and Patty (Metcalf) Metcalf, born in Franklin in the old Red House, and a descendant of Michael Metcalf, the ancient schoolmaster. Says one who knew him intimately: "He was an ambitious, progressive, and quité successful teacher." He taught several terms in Medway, and "for ten years or more was the only teacher through the year of a school on Milton Hill near the mills of Walter Baker." In 1835 he taught the Centre School in Milton. He subsequently engaged in trade in Boston, where he was for many years an active member of the School Committee. He was one of the founders of the American Institute of Instruction, and for years one of its curators. For his second wife "he married Mrs. Hepsibah Tilton, Jan. 8, 1872; died March 19, 1892, seventy years after he taught in West Dedham."

In 1822 Thomas Phillips came from Natick to teach the Westfield School. In 1824 he married Clarissa Brackett of Dedham. He built the second church edifice of St. Paul's parish in Dedham, and was a cousin of Nathan Phillips, a former well known resident of the Westfield District.

Eliza Newell Ellis, the daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Newell) Ellis, taught in the South Parish of Dedham, and in other places previous to 1823. She was born in Boston in 1797, and was educated in Boston schools and academies. She was a cousin of the Reverend Drs. George E. and Rufus Ellis. She

married George Bird, Jr., of Dedham, April 21, 1823 ; died in Newton, Mass.

We find Samuel Plaisted teaching in the Second Middle District in 1823-4 and 1824-5. He graduated at Brown University in 1825 ; from the medical department of Bowdoin College in 1828 ; and was a physician in Waterville, Me., till he died there April 14, 1860, aged 58 years.

Charles Chauncey Sewall of Marblehead, son of Chief Justice Samuel Sewall, and great, great grandson of Chief Justice Samuel Sewall of Boston, born in 1805, taught a private school in the "Brick Schoolhouse near the Church," in 1823. He soon after married Amy Peters of Medfield, and lived in the house next east of Dea. Baker's in Upper Village, Dedham, and taught there a "private and boarding school." Commodore John A. Winslow, commander of the "Kearsage" and destroyer of the "Alabama," attended his school as a boarding scholar. In 1826 Mr. Sewall entered the ministry and settled in Danvers, now Peabody. A few years later he removed to Medfield where he spent the remainder of his days. He was very active in agricultural affairs, and at one time was the Chaplain of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Harvard College gave him the honorary A. M. in 1832. He died Nov. 22, 1889, aged 84 years.

Rebecca Hall taught the summer school in West Dedham in 1823. She is characterized by one of her pupils as a "lady-like and most acceptable teacher," and was probably a native of Pepperell.

George Bird, Jr. instructed the Mill School three months in the winter of 1823-4. He was the son of George and Martha (Newell) Bird, born in Needham, June 6, 1799 ; was educated in Dedham schools and Wrentham Academy ; and married Eliza Newell Ellis, April 21, 1823. Before he married he taught school in Alabama two years. He was a paper manufacturer in East Walpole, his mill being on the Neponset River next

below that of his brother, Hon. Frank W. Bird. He died in Zanesville, Ohio.

Westfield District was favored with the instructions of Bunker Gay two winters, 1823-4 and 1824-5. He was the son of Lusher and Rebecca Gay of Dedham, born Feb. 3, 1801, and married Miss Milly Ellis, May 14, 1829. He spent his days in West Dedham, where he died much respected July 22, 1848.

Jane Little Montague, after teaching two summers, 1823 and 1824, in the Mill School, had charge of the primary department of the First Middle School several summers. She was the daughter of the Rev. William and Jane (Little) Montague, born Jan. 3, 1803, in Dedham, where she died Sept. 16, 1837.

Drayton Blake taught in West Dedham the winter school of 1823-4. He was the son of Deacon Calvin Blake of Wrentham where he is well remembered both as a teacher and citizen. After teaching some time in Florida he returned to teach in Wrentham. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of straw goods. He was a deacon of the First Congregational Church in Wrentham for many years and died there many years ago.

Maria Osgood taught the Westfield School in the summer of 1824. She was drowned in Charles River, Dec. 1, 1826.

Barzillai Frost gave instruction in the West Dedham School in 1824-5; was Instructor in History at Harvard College in 1834; and graduated from the Harvard Divinity School in 1835.

David N. Fales taught in the Clapboardtrees School the winter of 1824-5. He was the son of David and Abigail Fales of Wrentham, born Aug. 2, 1805. He was for some years in business in Boston; afterwards engaged in trade in Wrentham; but finally retired to his farm, where he spent the remainder of his days, leaving two sons who occupied the premises about 1890.

Calvin French, afterwards Deacon, of Needham, taught in Dedham several winter schools; the Mill in 1824-5, the Second Middle, 1828-9, 1829-'30, and 1830-'31. The Dedham Records contain the following publishment: "Mr. Calvin French of Needham and Miss Mary Fales, Dedham." The Rev. Thomas Driver performed the marriage ceremony for Deacon French, January 7, 1836.

Lendamine Draper Guild had charge of the School in the Second Middle District four summers, 1824-1827. She was the daughter of Calvin and Lendamine (Draper) Guild, born Sept. 29, 1803, and married Ezra W. Taft, Sept. 8, 1830. She was also a teacher in Roxbury, Mass., and had some interesting experiences in Rhode Island, where she taught, and "boarded round" three days for each scholar. She resided in Dedham in firm health and able to enjoy the kind attentions of her children, grandchildren, and many relatives and friends, till she reached the age of 94 years. Her death occurred October 24, 1897.

In 1825 Mr. Calvin Howe was master in the First Middle School. He was very fond of theatrical entertainments, and the time of the school was largely given to such exercises. The Fool's cap was a popular means of correction in his day, and when he suggested that it would be a favor if some of the girls would make one for his use, two of the bright misses volunteered that duty, and provided two caps of excellent pattern. Imagine their dismay when for whispering they were the first to wear these tokens of disgrace. The following is from the Dedham Records: "By Rev. Alvan Lamson. Mr. Calvin Howe of Watertown to Miss Polly Richards of Dedham." She was a daughter of Dea. Luther Richards.

Lucinda Newell taught the summer school of Mill Village in 1825. The church records indicate that she came from Pembroke, N. H., about 1821, and removed to Boston in 1826. She was the daughter of Artemas and Rebecca (Mann) Newell of Needham, and is said to have never married.


In 1825 the teacher in East Street, according to Capt. Asahel Smith's Diary, was Abner Brigham. He was the son of Abner and Dorothy (Woods) Brigham of Marlboro, born June 21, 1798. He married Lucinda Maybee, and his last known residence was in Yarmouth, Canada West.

In the winter of 1825-6 the Mill School was taught by Elisha F. Fales of Wrentham, the son of David and Abigail Fales. He married Mary F. Hammett in 1838, and resided last in Norfolk, Mass., where he died May 23, 1871.

Clapboardtrees indulged in a variety of masters in the winter of 1825-6. First Samuel B. Tyler was in office two weeks and a half; then a Mr. Davenport took the helm for seven weeks; then Milton Barrows, Jr. completed the winter's work in six weeks. The succeeding winter Mr. Barrows taught in the East Street School. The following publishment indicates that he had no occasion to regret his visit to Dedham: "Mr. Milton Barrows of Attleborough and Miss Mary Ann Guild of Dedham, Sept. 19, 1830." The marriage is not recorded in Dedham, but I am informed that it took place June 16, 1831. He was the son of Milton and Rebecca (Slack) Barrows of Attleborough, where he later engaged in manufacturing, and was a Justice of the Peace at the time of his decease.

Joseph Alden was master of the Mill School the winter of 1826-7. He was born Jan. 4, 1807, and graduated from Union College, 1828; studied divinity at Princeton and was ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church of Williamstown, 1834; was appointed a Professor of Williams College in 1835; afterward he was for six years the president of Jefferson College, Penn. He was the author of several juvenile books, a Mental Philosophy, Science of Government, and Christian Ethics. Union College gave him a D. D. and Columbia an L. L. D. He married in 1834 Isabel Graham, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Gilbert R. Livingston of Philadelphia.

Daniel S. Woodman was master of the Second Middle School three and one-half months in the winter of 1826-7.



In the summer of 1826 the Westfield School was instructed by Miss Deborah E. Baker, the daughter of John and Becca (Fisher) Baker of West Dedham, whose portraits by Alvan Fisher now adorn the walls of the Dedham Historical Society. Miss Baker was born Jan. 21, 1807, and was married to Timothy Fuller by Rev. John White, April 16, 1834. Mrs. Fuller spent the years of her married life chiefly in Lincoln, Maine.

Caroline Porter spent two summers in charge of the Clapboardtrees School, 1826 and 1827. She was the daughter of Lebbeus Porter of Wrentham, born May 7, 1806; married Rev. William Harlow of Plymouth, who settled first in Canton, then in Wrentham. One of her former pupils says, "she was a remarkably pleasant teacher, controlling her school by kindness." She died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan., 1893.

In the winter of 1826-7 the East Street School was taught by Pierson Titcomb, the son of John and Elizabeth (Pierson) Titcomb, born in Newburyport, Aug. 2, 1776. In 1799 he entered the army, joining the 2d Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers: in 1801 was made First Lieutenant, and thereafter was stationed at the New England forts. He married Margaret Morrill of Newburyport, who lived but a few years. While stationed at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., Lieut. Titcomb married Ann Maria de Les Denier, and soon after his marriage resigned his commission and went to reside in New Hampshire, first at Pelham, then in Salem, where he spent fifteen years, and from there removed to Dedham. Later he removed to Lowell, which he represented in the Legislature of 1840. In 1845 he removed to Northfield, where he remained till a short time before his death, which occurred in Dedham, Dec. 11, 1855. Lieut. Titcomb was a handsome man and gifted in many ways. He was a fine reader of Shakespeare, and at his own fireside often entertained a company by reading the effusions of his own pen.

In the summer of 1827 the mistress of the West Dedham School was Miss Chloe Haven of Framingham, the daughter of

Deacon Moses P. and Chloe (Eames) Haven, born June 4, 1793. She never married, and died Jan. 12, 1882, in Framingham.

For sixteen weeks in the summer of 1827, Lucia E. Adams had charge of the Second Middle School.

The Westfield School was under the instruction of Emily Baker in the summer of 1827. She was the daughter of Dea. Eliphalet and Nancy (Eaton) Baker, and was united in marriage to Gardner Paine of Worcester, Oct. 12, 1831.

Miss Nancy Jones in the summer of 1822 had charge of the West Dedham School. I have failed to ascertain any other facts concerning her.

The Westfield District School was under the instruction of Elijah Perry two winters, 1827-8 and 1828-9. He was the son of Major Elijah and Mary (Jones) Perry of Natick, born Nov. 14, 1807, and was educated in the Leicester Academy. He was united in marriage to Mehitabel Battelle of Dover, Nov. 29, 1832; and to Mrs. Malvina R. Wood, January, 1857. He served one term as a member of the General Court from Dover and Medfield. Was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, Guardian of the Natick Indians, an active member of the South Natick Historical Society, and in general an intelligent and public spirited citizen. He died in Natick, Nov. 28, 1885.

Jane Foord, the daughter of James and Hannah Foord, taught the Mill School two summers, 1827 and 1828. She died Oct. 15, 1831, at the age of twenty-seven years.

Walpole Corner School, in the summer of 1827, was instructed by Mary Perry of Natick. She was the daughter of Major Elijah and Mary (Jones) Perry, born March 21, 1801. She was educated in select schools in West Needham (now Wellesley) and Templeton, Mass., and taught school in Dover Centre and South Natick several terms. Nov. 29, 1827, she was united in marriage to William Richards of Dover by the Rev. Ralph Sanger. She died in Natick, Dec. 12, 1889, having

been a member of the Congregational Church in West Needham since 1819 or 1820.

Ephraim Peabody, a graduate of Bowdoin College, 1827, must have been a valuable guide to the pupils of the Second Middle School whom he taught in 1825-6. The following from the Memorial History of Boston (III. 479) makes this evident: "Ephraim Peabody, D. D., for the past ten years minister of King's Chapel, while able and intensely impressive as a preacher, was pre-eminently 'a man of beatitudes'; and the lapse of a quarter of a century since his death cannot have made his memory dim or less precious in the minds of many who hardly have known, or expect to know, in this world his like." Dr. Peabody was born in Wilton, N. H., March 22, 1807; died Nov. 28, 1856.

Mr. William Harvey Spear, a graduate of Brown University, 1827, gave his popular labors to the West Dedham School three winters beginning in 1825. He married Catherine Hinsdale Allen in Dedham, May 1, 1831. He made the law his profession and spent the later years of his life in Plymouth, where he died in 1873.

Nathaniel Ames, son of Hon. Fisher Ames, was in charge of the Second Middle School two months in the winter of 1827-8. He was not an acceptable teacher; and, to complete the term, Charles French continued the school a month and a half. Mr. Ames was born May 17, 1796; died Jan. 8, 1835.

In the winter of 1827-8 the Mill School was in charge of Calvin Fairbanks Ellis, the son of Jason and Susan Davis (Fairbanks) Ellis of West Dedham, where he was born Oct. 30, 1806. Mr. Ellis was educated at Wrentham Academy, and devoted himself to trade in palm-leaf and palm-leaf hats, his place of business being on High Street, Boston. He married 1st, Julia Ellis Gay, May 17, 1832; 2dly, Mrs. Maria (Guild) Fairbanks, July 7, 1859. His last residence was in Dedham, where he died Feb. 23, 1875.

Charles Andrews Farley, a graduate of Harvard in 1827,

and afterwards a Unitarian clergyman, taught the East Street School in 1828. He was a preacher of good abilities, but is said never to have settled permanently as a minister. According to the Harvard Catalogue he died in 1887.

In the summer of 1828 the Westfield School was taught by Catherine Hinsdale Allen. She was the daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Fisher) Allen of Medfield, Mass., where she was born in 1810. Naturally gifted and refined she had by study and reading cultivated her literary taste and intelligence. On May 1, 1831, she was married to William Harvey Spear and resided in Plymouth.

Thomas P. Ryder had charge of the East Street School two winters, 1828-9 and 1829-30; also of the Mill School in 1834-5 two months, for which he received sixty dollars, very high wages at that period.

Harriet Ware of Wrentham was employed in the Clapboard-trees School two summers, 1828 and 1829. The daughter of Paul and Hannah (Brastow) Ware, she was born Jan. 5, 1799, educated in the public schools and Day's Academy of her native town, and was a teacher in several places. Nov. 19, 1838, she was united in marriage to Nathan Barrett in Boston. Her last residence was in Wrentham; but she died in Dorchester, Feb. 14, 1888, in her ninetieth year. Many years ago one of her pupils mentioned to me Mrs. Barrett's excellent instruction as a thing very pleasant to remember.

Francis William Bird was master of the Mill School in the winter of 1828-9, and in the autumn of 1831 opened a private school in Dedham Village, but on account of failing health he left it in the spring of 1832. He was the son of George and Martha (Newell) Bird, born in Dedham, Oct. 22, 1809. As early as 1807 his father was engaged in paper making in Mill Village, and after 1818 pursued the same business in Walpole, where his son Francis spent a large part of his boyhood in his father's mill. At Day's Academy, Wrentham, he prepared to enter Brown University from which he graduated in 1831. In

1833 he engaged in the manufacture of paper at East Walpole. This continued to be his business during a long and active life. In 1834 he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Hill Cooke, of Providence, R. I., and in 1843 to Miss Abby Frances Newell of Boston. Mr. Bird's political career began in 1846, and from that time till the end of his life was earnest and influential. As a member of the Legislature and the Council he served the state most faithfully, and was always found in opposition to schemes that tended to waste and extravagance.

Joseph Augustus Wilder began to teach in Dedham in the Westfield district in 1829. Afterwards he taught successfully in the East Street and the First Middle Schools, and later a private school in the house now occupied by the daughters of Mr. Benjamin H. Adams. He was the son of the Rev. John and Esther (Tyler) Wilder of Attleboro, Mass., where in 1811 he was born, the tenth child of a family of twelve. He entered Brown University, but did not graduate. He married Mary Smith of Green Lodge, Dedham, Dec. 6, 1830. At one time he edited a newspaper in Dedham. His last place of residence was Louisville, Kentucky, where he died in 1854, leaving a daughter, Mrs. J. H. B. Thayer, of Dedham.

Appleton Fay taught the West Dedham School in the winter of 1829-30. He was born in Southboro, Mass., Dec. 8, 1805, the son of Hezekiah and Patty Fay, and married Fanny Claflin, about 1832. He resided in Worcester, Mass., and by occupation was a pattern maker.

Esther, daughter of Isaac Whiting, taught the Mill School the summer term of 1829. She was born July 26, 1807, and was married to Amos Hall only a few days before her death.

From 1829 to 1839 Franklin Crombie was a well-known and highly appreciated teacher in Dedham. He began his work in the Mill School, and succeeded Mr. Melvin in the First Middle District. In 1834 he taught in East Street, then three winters in the Second Middle, closing his labors in the Mill School in 1839. He also taught two schools in Milton,

and later in life in Auburn, N. H. He was the son of Amos and Anna (Patten) Crombie, born in Chester, N. H., Oct. 25, 1803, of Scotch-Irish descent. A part of his education he obtained at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H.; but he loved to own books, and by their use he largely educated himself, and later in life was the possessor of a valuable library. He was a surveyor of land and Justice of the Peace many years; held several town offices, as Selectman, Representative to the Legislature, Superintendent of Auburn Schools, and the Moderator of Auburn town meetings 15 years. He was a thorough and strict teacher when the methods of school management were much more severe than the present. He was an excellent penman, and some of his school records still to be seen are models of neatness and good taste. He remained unmarried, and resided in Auburn, N. H., where he died December 22, 1875.

Julia Ann Gay, mistress in West Dedham in 1829, was the daughter of Moses and Mehitabel (Holmes) Gay, and married Elijah Howe Nov. 2, 1834. She died Dec. 12, 1880, aged 77 years.

In the summer of 1829 the Westfield School was taught by Sophia Perrin Baker, the daughter of Obed and Betsey (Metcalf) Baker, born in Dedham, Nov. 6, 1810. She was joined in marriage to David T. Moody of Scarboro, Maine, Oct. 24, 1855, and now resides in Westwood.

In 1829-30 Clapboardtrees employed in its school Merrill D. Ellis, who was born in West Dedham, Dec. 7, 1808, and was joined in marriage to Rebecca Newell Ellis, June 17, 1847. He represented the Town of Dedham in the Legislatures of 1841, 1842 and 1843, where he was respected as a person of intelligence and sound judgment. He engaged in trade, both in Dedham Village and in West Dedham, closing a useful and honored life Sept. 1, 1878.

The West Dedham School was under the instruction of Obadiah Wheelock Albee, four winters, 1828-9, and from 1830

to 1833. He was the son of Moses and Lucretia (Howard) Albee of Milford, born March 24, 1808, and graduated at Brown University in 1832. In 1833 he removed to Marlboro and had charge of the Gates Academy till 1860, excepting a year, 1849-50, in which he visited California. His pupils came from many states. For six years he was in the Legislature, in the Senate two years, and was the author of the famous Personal Liberty Bill. In 1862 he was appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. He distinguished himself chiefly as a teacher having power "to compel obedience and at the same time to inspire affection." He was a valued friend and did much to mould the character of business men in his adopted town, where he died July 31, 1866.

Horatio Dorr, a native and long time resident of Roxbury, was the East Street schoolmaster in the winter of 1830-31. He is still (1895) pleasantly remembered by one of his pupils.

Rebecca Dana Perry taught in West Dedham two summers, 1830 and 1831, and in the Second Middle District in 1834, having previously taught in Dover. She was the daughter of Major Elijah and Mary (Jones) Perry, born in Natick, Mass., Sept. 1805, and was educated in a select school in Templeton. She married Stedman Hartwell of West Dedham, April 9, 1835. The eldest of her three children, Alfred Stedman Hartwell, graduated at Harvard, 1858, and has been a Justice of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Hartwell died in South Natick, in June, 1872.

From 1829 to 1832 Thomas Jefferson Melvin was master of the First Middle School. He was born in Chester, N. H., April 11, 1808, the son of John and Susanna (Sargent) Melvin, and his advanced education was obtained at Pinkerton Academy, in Derry, New Hampshire. In September, 1834, at Chester, he was joined in marriage to Harriette Tenny; and, with the exception of four years spent in Danvers, continued to reside in his native town till he died there, Jan. 29, 1881.

The larger part of his life he was engaged in mercantile business, and he is said to have held at different times all the important town offices. He was the Moderator of Chester town meetings 25 years; for 30 years Superintendent of the Sunday School and an officer of the Congregational Church. For several years he represented the town in the Legislature, and a part of the time was State Senator. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican.

Lucinda Guild, daughter of Gen. Nathaniel Guild, was the master's assistant in the First Middle District four years with Mr. Melvin and Mr. Crombie. She married Gorham D. Pierson, of Boston, Nov. 30, 1843. I have found her memory of the schools and teachers very helpful. The extended term of her service in the school is evidence of the good quality of her work. She died a resident of Dedham.

A venerable citizen of Dedham informs me that about 1830, when Mr. Melvin was master of the first division of the Centre School, he was himself a pupil in the class taught by Lucy E. Chickering. She undertook to punish him with her ferule for whispering. At the suggestion of other boys he refused to hold out his hand; she then called to her aid Esther Foord, another teacher, when their combined strength soon brought him under perfect control. The memory of this honest witness leaves no doubt that both these ladies belong to our list of teachers. Lucy Elizabeth Chickering was the daughter of Jabez and Dorothy D. F. (Alleyne) Chickering, born about 1806. She resided in Dedham a long, single life, till July 12, 1884, when she died highly respected for her womanly virtues and refinement.

Esther Foord was of Milton, the daughter of James and Hannah (Blake) Foord. She also spent a long single life in Dedham, always known as a reader of the best books, and a steady advocate of the civil rights of women. She died at Fall River in her ninety-first year, Dec. 12, 1890.

English Grammar came into American schools chiefly

through the influence of Lindley Murray about the beginning of the nineteenth century. But the want of competent teachers and the abstract nature of Murray's books caused the study to make slow progress. At a later date Smith and Kirkham presented the subject in a more attractive way, and the study became popular. Then followed a whole troupe of similar treatises; and in some instances the science was expanded into thick octavos. Soon everybody seemed to be a sufficient grammarian. Then some wise heads decided that studying technical grammar did not necessarily make good speakers and writers of the English language. So for a while grammar was discarded and "Language" enthroned in its place. But language without grammar is of course mostly ungrammatical. So it proved to be in the schools, affecting, I am sorry to say, both teachers and pupils. It was a day of good omen when English Grammar was again thoroughly studied and applied in the schoolrooms. The much defamed practice of parsing will, if properly directed, develop the logical and linguistic powers as no "language exercises" ever did or can.

Esther Mann Whitney, for sixty dollars, taught the Second Middle School twenty weeks and boarded herself, in the summer of 1830. She was the daughter of Col. Moses and Nancy (Mann) Whitney of Wrentham, and began her work as a teacher with much promise in her native town. For twelve or fourteen years her teaching was of the nature of a kindergarten. She taught a select private school for young children in Troy, New York, and many of her pupils are now persons of worth and distinction. She never married. One of her contemporaries writes: "I remember her as a very attractive woman, of whom the young were very fond. It was only a year ago that she died; so that she lived to a good old age." Her last days were spent in Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Eliza Gay, afterwards Mrs. Perkins of Sharon, taught the Mill School in 1830, and the Second Middle in 1836. In her

will she remembered West Dedham, her birthplace, by a legacy for the benefit of their branch of the Town Library.

In 1830 Mary Baker taught the school in West Dedham a term of sixteen weeks. She was the daughter of John and Becca (Fisher) Baker of Fox Hill Street, born Dec. 22, 1804. She never married and was for many years remarkable for her efficiency in the families of her near relatives. Her last days of age and feebleness were passed in Lincoln, Maine, at the home of her sister Deborah.

About 1830 Sarah Ann Montague began to teach the summer school of East Street and continued her work there probably several years. She was the daughter of Rev. William and Jane (Little) Montague, born in Dedham, where she was united in marriage to Edward Ellis Titcomb, August 6, 1835. "She was a woman of strong character and characteristics, much executive ability, a true friend, a devoted wife and mother." She died January 24, 1850, leaving two children; a daughter who was for several years the principal of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., and a son who served in the War of the Rebellion as a Captain in the 38th Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops.

Martha Clark taught the East Street School the summer of 1831. She died soon after, and it is reported that Warren Swann, to whom she was engaged to be married, showed his devotion to her memory by remaining single the rest of his life. The engagement ring is still in the possession of her niece, Mrs. George F. Wight. Miss Clark was the daughter of Major Jacob and Prudence (Stowe) Clark, born May 5, 1813, and died Dec. 19, 1832. She was educated at the Ipswich Ladies' Seminary. She was for a short time a teacher in the Infant School which for several years was a popular institution in Dedham.

As the schools and teachers have become more numerous and the records of some districts have been lost, it becomes very difficult to find the personal history of some who, no doubt, contributed most valuable services. Frequently we

have to be satisfied with only a name and a proximate date. But as a record this may have an interest and value hereafter; so we do not think best to omit even the most imperfect data relating to our subject.

In the winter of 1831-2 William L. Stearns was master of the Clapboardtrees School. In the absence of other important facts it was pleasant to be informed by a very aged person, once a pupil of Mr. Stearns, that he was his best teacher.

The master of the Second Middle School in 1830-1 was William D. Upham of Weathersfield, Vermont. He graduated at Brown University in 1835 and subsequently taught a private school in Wickford, R. I. His death occurred in 1875.

The winter school of Clapboardtrees in 1830-31 was instructed by Mr. John B. White. Other facts concerning him have eluded my most diligent inquiries.

Luther Richards of Dover was master of the Westfield School two winters, 1830-1 and 1831-2. Subsequently he engaged in business in Boston. On May 1, 1839, he was married to Miss Abby F. Wilson of Dedham.

Also in 1831 or 1832 Ruth Robinson was the school mistress in South Dedham. She is said to have married a Mr. Maynard of Westboro and removed to the State of Tennessee.

Lucy S. Broad of Needham spent three summers, 1830-1-2, as teacher of the Westfield District. She is said to have married a Mr. Tolman and resided in Worcester. She is remembered still as an excellent teacher.

William Thurston, styled a "very young teacher" by one of his pupils, taught in South Dedham in 1831. He was the step-son of the late Samuel Swett of Dedham.

Margaret Taft in 1832 was associated with Mr. Wilder in the instruction of the First Middle District. She was a native of Uxbridge, the daughter of Frederick and Abigail (Wood) Taft, and was joined in marriage to Calvin Guild of Dedham, May 19, 1836. Greatly beloved by a large

circle of relatives and neighbors, she died in Dedham Jan. 23, 1891.

Nathaniel Metcalf Guild taught the Westfield District Winter School, 1832-3. He was the son of Calvin and Lendamine (Draper) Guild, born July 21, 1811; fitted for college at Bradford under the instruction of Benjamin Greenleaf, the author of arithmetics; entered Brown University, but on account of failing health left in his second year and went to the South, where he taught for a time, and then engaged in business. Later he resided several years in California, but returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent his last years in trade. He married Mary Messenger of Dedham, Sept. 10, 1839, and died in Cincinnati Dec. 7, 1859.

About 1832 Annie Gay, "of venerable age," taught school in South Dedham and three summers in East Street. "Was very exact," says one of her pupils. She lived to a great age.

The records of the West Dedham district for 1832 name as teachers Rebecca L. Humphreys and Elizabeth Clark, but concerning neither have I been able to obtain any additional information.

The primary department of the First Middle School about 1832 was in charge, for a time, of Miss Louisa Allen, the daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Fisher) Allen, born in Medfield 1819. She continued to reside in Dedham and was for years an active worker in the anti-slavery cause. Later she removed to Plymouth, where she spent her last days with her sister, Mrs. Spear.

In the summer of 1832 the East Street School was in charge of Miss Sarah Stowe Clark, the daughter of Major Jacob and Prudence (Stowe) Clark, born in Dedham, March 27, 1812. She was educated at the Wheaton Seminary in Norton, and at the Ipswich Female Seminary. She was married to Ebenezer Paul Crane of Dedham, April 7, 1836. With the exception of a few years at Newton Lower Falls she spent her life in her native town where her kindness of heart and

uniform cheerfulness secured her many warm friends. Previous to her marriage she taught schools in Richmond, R. I., and Braintree, Mass. She died in Dedham, December 30, 1881.

Ann Matilda Ellis was a teacher in South Walpole, 1833; in the Mill School, 1835; and in South Dedham, 1836. She was the daughter of Richard and Abigail Ellis (Dean) Ellis, born in Dedham Oct. 8, 1813; educated in the public and private schools of West Dedham, and married to John Endicott of Canton, Jan. 7, 1838. She still resides in Canton, and among other sources of enjoyment she speaks of "the Dedham Historical Register, a publication of much interest to me." Her many friends would gladly see her complete, as did her mother, a full century of happy and honored years.

Almira Boynton taught in the Readville District about 1834. She married Lyman Locke of Boston.

In the winter of 1833-4 William Cleveland had charge of the Westfield School. He was the son of George Cleveland of Dover and a cousin of Ira Cleveland, Esq., late of Dedham.

During two winters, 1833-4 and 1834-5, Josiah Warren Talbot was the master of the West Dedham School, and of the South Dedham in 1836. He was the son of Josiah and Mary (Richards) Talbot, born in Fayette, Maine, and educated in the schools of Sharon, and "various Academies." He studied for the ministry with a clergyman of Roxbury; was ordained by the Boston Association of Universalists in 1836; preached in several towns and was last settled in East Boston. He was married to Mary L. Bigelow, Boxborough, Mass., in 1838. Removed in 1860 to South Dedham where in 1895 he resided as a respected citizen of Norwood.

For two winters 1833-4 and 1835-6, the Mill School was taught by Mr. E. A. Bradeen. The intervening winter school of 1834-5 was in charge of Mr. C. W. Skates. The same school, in the summer of 1834, was taught by Miss T. C. Hamlet.

For two summers, 1833 and 1834, Rebecca Newell Ellis

had charge of the Clapboardtrees School. She was the daughter of Jason and Susan D. (Fairbanks) Ellis, born Oct. 8, 1811, and married to Merrill D. Ellis, June 17, 1847. On the 23d of December, 1889, she died in West Dedham, where she had long enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her.

About 1833 or earlier Sophia Foord became a teacher in the First Middle School and continued several years. She was the daughter of James and Hannah (Blake) Foord of Milton and lived to a venerable age in Dedham where she was respected for her intelligence and extensive reading. She died May 1, 1885, aged 82 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

In the winter of 1833-4 Lovell Child was master in the Clapboardtrees district.

Eunice Messenger, the daughter of Deacon Jason and Olive (Read) Messenger of Dedham, taught in the Second Middle District in 1833. She was born in 1811 and was united in marriage to John A. Collins of Boston, September, 1842.

The Summer School in the Westfield District was taught by Miss Jane Ann Grover three terms, 1833, 4 and 5. She was the daughter of Calvin and Ruth (Billings) Grover, born in Foxborough, June 20, 1809, and educated in Dr. Baker's School in Dorchester and Rev. Mr. Blake's Classical Institute in Medway. She taught school in Foxborough in 1836 and in Mansfield about 1832. She married David Addison Baker of Dedham, Dec. 1, 1836. The rest of her life was spent in Dedham where she died much respected, Jan. 21, 1881.

Cornelia Guild taught the primary department of the Second Middle School the summer of 1833. Subsequently she taught in Rhode Island. She was the daughter of Calvin and Lendamine (Draper) Guild, and was educated at Bradford Academy, then under the care of Mr. Greenleaf, the Arithmetician. She married John Shorey, a merchant of Boston, in 1833, and resided in that city for a short time. Later she resided many years in Dedham, enjoying the society and

esteem of many dear friends. She died at Boston Highlands, Nov. 6, 1898.

In 1834 Thomas Rotch Bourne, a student in medicine, was employed as teacher in the East Street School. He died in 1839.

Lyman Washington Dean taught the Clapboardtrees School during the winter of 1834-5. He was the son of Asa and Chloe (Bourne) Dean of Attleborough, born Feb. 22, 1805, and was educated chiefly at Wrentham Academy. He married Mayette Ingraham of Attleboro, April 8, 1833. "He taught school first in Rehoboth; worked on the farm summers and taught winters in Attleborough, Taunton, Canton, and last in Dedham." In 1835 he took charge of a temperance hotel in Attleborough, and bought it in 1837. The same year he became postmaster, and so continued, with one short interruption, for twenty-four years. He was a member of the State Senate in 1850, afterwards Sheriff of Bristol County. His ability as a public speaker was often serviceable to his political friends. Mr. Dean died March 7, 1891, in Attleborough, "completing a long, useful, and honorable life."

Mr. Charles Aldrich succeeded Mr. Melvin in the First Middle School in 1833, continuing there about three years. He was the son of Ellis and Hannah (White) Aldrich, born in Uxbridge, Aug. 16, 1807, and was educated in Mendon, Milford and Bolton, the last school being taught by Thomas Frye. In 1836, Sept. 19, he married Ann Bowen Congdon of Uxbridge; resided a few months in Rochester, N. Y., and then fifteen years in Fall River devoted to teaching. The remainder of his life he passed in Manchester, N. H., teaching a portion of the time. He died Sept. 12, 1887, leaving a widow who now resides with her son, George I. Aldrich, formerly superintendent of schools for the city of Newton; at present a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education.


The twin daughters of Dr. Abijah and Lavina (Tyler) Draper of Roxbury were for a term each in charge of Dedham schools. They were born July 21, 1810; and both attended

the Bradford Young Ladies' Seminary, then in charge of Benjamin Greenleaf, the Arithmetician. Augusta taught the Second Middle School twenty-four weeks in the summer of 1832. She married Chauncy Woodward of Brookline, Nov. 25, 1847, and resided in West Roxbury till her death, Sept. 4, 1877. Amanda had charge of the Mill School twenty-six weeks in 1837. She never married, and died at West Roxbury April 26, 1879. Her uncontrollable grief at the loss of her brother and sister, with whom she had always lived, is supposed to have shortened her life.

For several years about 1835, Caroline Whiting taught a private school at her own home, in Dedham Village. She had taught public schools in several towns of Rhode Island, and was for a number of years an assistant teacher in the Academy at Kingston in the same state. In 1839 she was the Preceptress of Lawrence Academy, at Groton, Mass. We have her own testimony, that she taught the French language and intellectual philosophy in that school. She was a lady of varied attainments, being well versed in theology, genealogy, and general and local history. During the last years she spent in Dedham she was very much of a recluse, and her mind falling into a morbid state on that account, she was taken to the home of a brother in Clinton where she died the 28th of June, 1890. She was the oldest child of John and Lucinda (French) Whiting, born in Dedham, July 5, 1810.

The Westfield School was in charge of Miss Elizabeth H. Haven two summers, 1836 and 1840. In 1841 she was united in marriage to the Rev. Solomon Clark of Northampton, who was seven years a minister of the Evangelical Church in Canton, having been installed Nov. 12, 1851. Mrs. Clark was a person of many excellent qualities which commanded the respect and esteem of all who came within the sphere of her influence.

Augusta Bigelow taught a private school in the Unitarian Vestry in 1835. How long she continued it cannot be stated ;



indeed the only important fact I am sure of is, that the school was patronized by many of the leading families of Dedham, and several of her pupils are still living here.

Sarah Baker, daughter of Captain Aaron Baker, taught in West Dedham the summer of 1835.

For twenty weeks in 1835-6, Mr. John Pierce was master of the West Dedham School. Afterwards he became a Universalist preacher.

Anthony Brackett taught three months in the Second Middle School, 1835-6.

Galen Spare, from Dec. 3, 1835, to March 23, 1836, taught the Clapboardtrees School. He was the son of Elijah and Sally (Clapp) Spare, born April 11, 1815; married Sarah Ann Briggs of Canton, Nov. 26, 1844; was educated at Pierce Academy, Middleboro; taught school in Milton in 1842. Engaged in trade at South Canton and was Collector of Taxes; was a life member of the Home Missionary Society; died March 1, 1867, and was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Mary Ann Talbot taught the West Dedham School two summers, 1835 and 1836; she also taught in Milton. She was a native of Sharon, the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Richards) Talbot. In 1837 she was united in marriage to Seth Colburn of West Dedham, and in 1894 was a resident of Holliston.

Catherine Smith, who became Mrs. Warren Covell, was employed a few weeks in the same school in the summer of 1836.

Abigail, the daughter of Sabin Baker, was the teacher of a school in West Dedham a few weeks in the summer of 1836. Not many years later she died in Providence, R. I.

Jason Holmes of Plymouth, Mass., taught the East Street School three winters about 1835. Later he went to California, where he died soon afterwards.

Mrs. Mary Robershaw, of Walpole, of venerable age, as one of her pupils describes her, was mistress in the Second Middle School during the summer of 1835.

W. H. Talbot, of Taunton, a college student, had charge of the Westfield School during the winter of 1835-6.

In the winter of 1835-6 Mr. E. Russell managed the Mill School eight weeks. Then it passed into the hands of T. P. Ryder, for eight weeks, cause and effect of the change not ascertainable.

Daniel Wight taught the Readville School two winters, probably 1834-5, and 1835-6. This publishment may apply to him: "1844, Oct 6. Mr. Daniel Wight, of New York City, and Miss Susan Elizabeth Fisher of Dedham."

About 1835 Harriet E. Colburn, daughter of Ellis and Celia (Baker) Colburn, taught at Walpole Corner. She married Edward Freeman, of Bellingham, who had been a teacher in the same school a little earlier.

In the winter of 1836-7 the Westfield School was instructed by Mr. John Angier Whitney. He was of Natick, son of George and Esther (Morse) Whitney, born Dec. 17, 1817. He was educated at the Teachers' Seminary, Andover, Mass. He had taught the Centre School in Northboro; also in Plymouth, 1835. In 1836 he married Emily A. Walker; in 1852, Elizabeth Thomson of Natick; their children are seven sons and two daughters. His occupation is farming on the paternal acres in Natick, in which town he has been Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyor and School Committee. For several years between 1850 and 1860 he resided in Dedham.

Abigail Colburn for twenty weeks in 1836 was a teacher in West Dedham. She was the daughter of Eliphalet and married Charles E. Morse.

In the summer of 1836 a Miss Hawes of Walpole taught the Mill School five weeks.

From May to October, 1836, George Stearns occupied the master's chair in Clapboardtrees.

Mr. J. A. Boutelle taught the Mill School successfully in the winter of 1836-7.

Levina R. Gay had charge of the summer schools in Clap-

boardtrees in 1836 and 1837, the intervening winter school being in charge of Jacob Clark.

Caroline Wells, of Boston, was the teacher in East Street about 1836.

In the summer of 1835 the Clapboardtrees School was instructed by Sarah Elizabeth Coffin. She was the daughter of John Gorham and Elizabeth (Rice) Coffin, born in Avon Place, Boston, Jan. 27, 1816. She was educated at Miss Pemberton's School, Mr. William B. Fowle's Monitorial School, and under the instruction of Miss Dorothea L. Dix, the well-known philanthropist, who taught a private school in Dorchester, in which school Miss Coffin was also for a time an assistant teacher. In 1838 she was united in marriage to Rev. Nathaniel Hall, of Dorchester, where she still resides. Mrs. Hall says: I remember with gratitude the kindness of Rev. Mr. White. Mr. King Gay also did all he could to help me in the school."

Miles Teel Gardner, the teacher of a private school in Dedham, was the son of Miles and Lydia (Teel) Gardner, born in West Cambridge, Jan. 21, 1807; and graduated from Harvard College in 1834. From Sept. 1834 to 1837 he taught an academy in Walpole, New Hampshire; then opened a private school in Dedham which he continued several prosperous years. In 1838 he married Miss Martha Eddy Cotting, of West Cambridge. After leaving Dedham, he taught a few years in Arlington, but left that place and occupation on account of ill health and removed, first to Rochester, N. Y., then to Detroit, Michigan, where he opened a seed store, and was a successful business man. In 1860 he married Nannette Ellingwood Brown of Detroit. He died in that city in 1887. His widow and a daughter, the only survivor of his four children, now reside in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Mary Gardner, sister of Miles T., born Feb. 1, 1818, began to teach in Mill Village June, 1839, continuing there till the fall of 1840, when she took charge of the Readville School till the spring of 1841, making two years of very successful

work in the town of Dedham. She had previously taught one summer in Charlestown and one in Medford. After leaving Dedham she taught two summers in the West School of Milton. She was educated in her brother's academy at Walpole, N. H., and at the Hawes Institute in South Boston. On the 15th of January, 1843, she was married to Mr. Oliver Pierce of Dedham, and now resides on Edge Hill Road, Milton.

Her sister, Almira Gardner, born March 15, 1823, and educated at her brother's school in Dedham, had charge of the Readville School the summer of 1842. She died in Arlington, August, 1870.

In the summer of 1837 Sarah C. Cox taught the Westfield School. The town record apparently relating to her is as follows: "1842, May 1. Mr. Marshall Newell of Canton and Miss Sarah C. Cox of Dedham."

Sarah D. Bradley of Milton taught the Readville School two summers, 1837 and 1838. She married Mr. Jeremiah Plimpton, who was for many years a teacher in Roxbury. The register kept by her is a specimen of beautiful penmanship. Mrs. Plimpton died in Roxbury, Feb. 11, 1895.

Charles Durgin was master of the Mill School the winter of 1837-8. According to the testimony of one who was under his care he believed in prompt and perfect obedience, and acting out that reasonable belief was successful in improving the order and discipline of the school.

Atherton T. Wilde of Braintree took charge of the First Middle School in 1837. He was teaching it in 1838, for on June 18th of that year his school was examined in the presence of six members of the Town Committee. They criticised his discipline, but his pupils were very fond of him.

Martha Lewis of Walpole, afterwards Mrs. Hixon of Springfield, taught the Second Middle School twenty weeks in the summer of 1837. Her pupils of sixty years ago commend her work. Of how many the same report would be given, were their pupils here to testify!

From 1837 to 1843, Mary Colburn, daughter of Isaac and Mary, taught school in Dedham; first in West Dedham, then at Readville, and last at West Dedham again. She was married to Elijah Wheelock, Jr., in 1845, and spent the later years of her life in South Dedham and Norwood. Her only own brother was Dana P. Colburn, the author of valuable works on Arithmetic, and also distinguished as a Normal teacher in Rhode Island. Mrs. Wheelock always manifested a lively interest in the subject of education, especially in the education of her own promising family of children. She died in 1894.

Samuel Bradley Noyes, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Morrill Noyes, instructed the Clapboardtrees School two winters, 1837-8 and 1838-9. Mr. Noyes was a well-known lawyer of Canton, an entertaining writer, an accomplished singer, and a most genial gentleman. His life may be read in the history of Norfolk County, for which he contributed the excellent condensed history of Canton, the town in which he resided after he began the practice of law in 1847. He was born in Dedham, April 9, 1817, graduated at Harvard in 1844, and was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Beaumont in 1850.

His sister, Maria, was also a teacher of Dedham in the First Middle School, 1838 and 1839. She was a member of the church of which Dr. Burgess was pastor, also a singer in the choir and teacher in the Sunday School. In all these relations she was, in the language of a friend, "active, faithful and conscientious." She died young.

John Colcord taught the children of East Street in 1838-9. One of his pupils wrote as follows: "afterwards he became the master of the Phillips Grammar School in the city of Boston." I have no means of verifying the statement, but accept it as true.

Cyrus G. Myrick was in charge of the Second Middle School from Oct. 28, 1838, to March 23, 1839. His pupils numbered sixty. Mr. Myrick was of Middlebury, Vt.

In the summer of 1838 the teacher of the Westfield School

was Julia Ann Farnham. She was of Amherst, N. H., the daughter of Gearey and Sophronia (Bills) Farnham. She was well educated in the public schools of Roxbury and at private schools in Cambridge and Newton. She married Jerahmeel C. Pratt in 1839 and resided in Roxbury.

Emily Stone taught the South School of the South Parish sixteen weeks in the summer of 1838. The thirty pupils, from three to fifteen years old, show an average attendance of 28, as her neatly kept register testifies.

Joanna Plympton of Walpole, afterwards Mrs. Willard Lewis, had charge of the Second Middle School, summer of 1838, twenty weeks.

Elmira Whiting was mistress of the Mill School, summer of 1838. She was the daughter of John and Lucinda F., born April 27, 1812. She never married, and died before arriving at a very advanced age.

In the summer of 1838 the Clapboardtrees School was in charge of Lydia Ann Wyatt Whitney, the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel N. (Spooner) Whitney of Hudson, New York, born August 7, 1807. From 1811 to 1820, she was a pupil in the schools of Dorchester, Mass., the next five years in Uxbridge, where at that time there was a very popular Academy. She taught schools in many places, Dorchester, Milton, Uxbridge and Marlboro, Mass.; Brewer, West Corinth and Levant, Me.; Slatersville, R. I., and Ogdensburg, N. Y. Her school in Dorchester was private, continued from 1825 to 1835, being one year an infant school, an institution very popular at that time. In Brewer, Me., 1835-6 she had a school of 103 pupils of all ages from four to sixteen, *and no assistant*. In Milton, Mass., 1837, she taught five months a school of 95 pupils. Miss Whitney's life of teaching, always successful, continued more than fifty years. She never married because "the right one never came." Her last residence was in Framingham, Mass.

In the winter of 1838-9 Mr. Alexander Wheelock Thayer taught school in the Westfield District. He was the son of Dr.

Wheelock and Susan (Bigelow) Thayer of South Natick. He was a resident of Trieste, Austria, as United States Consul more than thirty years. He wrote the life of Beethoven, one volume of which has been published; but the work awaited completion on account of the author's impaired health. Since the foregoing was written, Mr Thayer has died in Trieste.

Edwin S. Adams for two long winter terms, 1838-9 and 1839-40, had charge of the school in West Dedham. Among his pupils we note Hon. Waldo Colburn, Reuben A. Guild, librarian of Brown University, and Dana P. Colburn, author of arithmetics.

From Dec. 3, 1838 to March 8, 1839, Alexander Edwards taught in District No. 7, South Dedham. His school numbered thirty-five and the average attendance was thirty-three. This fact and the perfect neatness of his register of pupils varying in age from three to eighteen years testify to his executive ability and success.

From Dec. 2, 1838 to Feb. 22, 1839, Timothy P. Dodge was the teacher of the Readville School. He kept a very neat register, and one of his pupils characterizes him as "one of the good teachers."

Mr. George Otis Fairbanks of Medway taught the North School of the South Parish from April 9, 1838 to March 10, 1839. His school numbered 72: 41 boys, 31 girls; average attendance 57, of ages from 19 to 3 years, 22 pupils from three to five years. With such a school he was expected to be always calm and even-tempered for twenty-five dollars per month, paying for his board monthly out of that generous salary only eleven dollars. He was the son of Otis and Sylvia (Fuller) Fairbanks, began to teach school when seventeen years old, and had a successful experience in Upton, Canton, Dedham, Lowell and Newburyport. Then he studied dentistry, and in 1845 began practice in Fall River, where for many years he was the leader of his profession. He was public spirited, and held many offices; school committee from 1848 onwards, selectman 1852 and 1853;

in 1861 president of Common Council; in 1866 Chairman of School Committee; in 1867 Mayor of the City of Fall River. Dr. Fairbanks was a Representative in the Legislature six years, 1869 to 1873, and 1875. His last public service was in the Board of Overseers of the Poor of which he was Clerk. The poor found in him a friend and cherished his memory with gratitude. He died March 11, 1884, survived by three sons and one daughter.

From May 7 to Oct. 20, 1838, Susan R. Talbot taught the primary department in the West Dedham School. Reports left by her show her whole number of pupils to have been fifty-six from two years of age — there were two of that ripe age — to thirteen; the one of this age studied Natural Philosophy. The average attendance was forty-five. The fullness, accuracy and neatness of her reports, with such a school to instruct, leave no doubt as to her ability. She was the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Richards) Talbot of Sharon, and married Samuel Richards in the same town. Her education was in the schools of Sharon, "and various Academics." She was a resident of South Walpole in 1895.

In 1838 Mr. Levi Reed became master of the First Middle School, and held that position three years. He was of East Abington, the son of Samuel and Polly (Corthell) Reed, born, as his sister informs me, "the last hour of the last day of the last week of the last month of the year 1814." He was educated in the public schools of East Abington and Phillips Academy, Andover. He began to teach in South Scituate, now Norwell, continued in North Abington and other places, completing four years. After leaving Dedham he taught the Washington School in Roxbury thirteen years, closing his labors there April 29, 1853, as we learn from an inscription on a silver pitcher presented to him on that occasion by the teachers and pupils of his school. He then engaged in the manufacture of shoes in company with his brother Samuel in East Abington. He was trial justice several years, and then justice of the peace;

represented the town in the Legislature of 1859 ; was a member of the State Senate in 1860. He was elected State Auditor in 1861 and held that office, we think, as long as he could legally. The duties were arduous, and his health was so impaired by their performance that he never afterwards was able to engage in business. What strength he retained he devoted largely to the interests of soldiers and their families and was regarded by them as a kind friend and benefactor. On the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Abington he was the president of the day, and in many other ways his townsmen paid him merited respect. His last years of feebleness and christian resignation came to a peaceful end Oct. 18, 1869.

East Street School from Nov. 7, 1838 to March 8, 1839, was instructed by Mr. J. Holmes. There were forty pupils and the average attendance was thirty-seven : eight studied Worcester's General History, and five Watts on the Improvement of the Mind. The register kept by him shows that there was not a child of foreign parentage in the school.

Mr. James B. Richards, the son of a missionary to the Sandwich Islands of the same name, taught the Westfield School in 1838-39, and the Second Middle in 1839-40. He had been educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, and continued the business of an instructor. At the time of his death he was in charge of an institution for the weak-minded in South Boston. I think he was the first of a line of teachers employed in the Westfield District for long winter terms, through the influence, and largely at the expense, of the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Burgess. These winter schools were attended by many pupils from other districts, on account of the advantages there offered for pursuing advanced studies preparatory to college.

The summer schools of the Readville District were in charge of Susan Thompson four years, beginning with 1839. She was of Milton parentage, Asa and Mary (Howard) Thompson, and born in 1820. Besides the District schools of Dorchester, she enjoyed the privileges of an excellent Academy

near Dr. Codman's Church and under his special direction. Miss Thompson was a teacher about four years and a half in what is now the Tileston School of Dorchester, beginning in 1844. She was married, first to Charles Henry Holmes of Milton; afterwards to Mr. William Jones of Boston. Mrs. Jones now (1897) resides on Bird Street, Mattapan.

Miss Nancy Guild had a long experience as a teacher in Dedham, beginning in West Dedham in 1839. In 1851 and 1852 she had charge of the second division of the Mill Village School. In 1856 she took charge of the Second Middle, and for several years, beginning in 1861, she conducted a successful private school. She was the daughter of Calvin and Lendamine (Draper) Guild, born Oct. 20, 1816. She resided in Dedham all her life, which ended July 15, 1891.

In the summer of 1839 Ann Sumner Metcalf had charge of the Second Middle School twenty weeks; also from 1856 to 1860 she was mistress of the grammar department of the same school. Beginning in her sixteenth year Miss Metcalf was an acceptable teacher for thirty-seven years; first in Wrentham about seven years; in Holliston from 1840 to 1845; in Brookline from 1850, nearly six years; in Walpole from 1861 to 1872; and as a substitute in Brookline in eighteen different schools. She is the daughter of David and Ann (Sumner) Metcalf, born in Wrentham, Aug. 29, 1818, and was educated at Wrentham and Holliston Academies. Jan. 22, 1874, she was married to Josiah Maynard Russell of Walpole, Mass.; and, after residing in Brookline and Boston, has now returned to dwell in Wrentham, her native town.

In the summer of 1839 the Mill School was instructed ten weeks by Georgiana Butterfield, the daughter of Pitts and Lucy (Damon) Butterfield, born in Dedham, Oct. 30, 1819. The public and private schools of Dedham gave her the means of education. She married Isaacus C. Smith, May 9, 1839, and in 1902 was living with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. G. C. Howard, in Lawrence.

In 1839 Laurretta Wheaton Taft was a teacher in the primary department of the First Middle School. She also had charge of the primary part of the Mill School two summers of 20 weeks each, 1842 and 1843. She was the daughter of Frederic A. and Amanda (Wheaton) Taft, born Nov. 28, 1816; married Francis Guild Nov. 5, 1846; and died April 6, 1875. She spent her life in Dedham, where her rare mental gifts, refined moral sense and force of character were justly appreciated.

William Henry Wood, son of Judge Wood of Middleboro, instructed the Westfield School two long winter terms, 1839-40 and 1840-41. He graduated at Brown University in 1834, studied law and reached judicial honors. He died in 1883. His work as a teacher is highly commended by those who were under his instruction.

Sarah Morse was mistress of the Clapboardtrees School in the summer of 1839. The following winter, 1839-40, Samuel Bennett was the master.

In 1839 Lydia Ann Stowe, of Dedham, the daughter of Timothy and Lydia (Ford) Stowe, joined at Lexington, Mass., the first class of the first Normal School established in this country. So it is safe to say that she was the first Normal teacher employed in the Dedham schools, East Street being the field of her labors in 1841, and South Dedham in 1842. But she did not give many years to the pursuit for which she had specially prepared herself; for in 1844, October 15, she was married to Robert Adams, of Fall River, and has ever since made that place her home; but during four years she was a member of its school board, thus utilizing in some degree her normal school training.

Three consecutive winters, beginning in 1840, Mr. Joseph Underwood taught school in West Dedham. He was a popular teacher, but soon turned his attention to the healing art and graduated at the Harvard Medical School in 1847. He was born in Charlestown, Nov. 25, 1820, the son of Joseph and

Elizabeth Gibson (Tenney) Underwood, and married Sarah G. Brown, June 3, 1849. He taught schools in Framingham and Easton, and practised medicine in Cambridge, Arlington, and from 1865 in Quincy, where he died, April 1, 1881. During the War of the Rebellion he did honorable service as a surgeon and suffered for a time the horrors of Libby Prison.

Miss Mary Emerson taught in West Dedham four summers, 1840, '41, '42 and '44. She was the daughter of George and Nabby Emerson, born Oct. 29, 1819, in West Dedham, where she continued to reside till June 2, 1891, on which date she was found heinously murdered in her own home. The author of the horrible crime is said to have been saved from the gallows by the strange obstinacy of a single jurymen, who insisted on a verdict of murder in the *second* degree. Miss Emerson left the bulk of her real estate, about \$2000, to be held by the Town of Dedham as a Relief Fund for the benefit of "needy single ladies out of the almshouse, whether widows or maiden ladies, whose age shall exceed fifty years," excepting in any year, a single instance of "a sick lady in need, though not fifty years old," the recipients to reside in the Third Parish. Miss Emerson's will is in her own handwriting, a fair indication of her self-reliant character.

Bainbridge Mowry succeeded Mr. Reed as master of the First Middle School in December, 1840. He was the son of Caleb and Clarinda (Taft) Mowry, born in Mendon, July 25, 1818, and received a name indicative of his father's admiration of a brave American commodore. His education was chiefly obtained in the Uxbridge and Holliston Academies. He married Emily Frances Carroll of Walpole, August 25, 1841. Having previously taught schools in Walpole, and having completed nearly three years of instruction in Dedham, he abandoned teaching and tried various kinds of business. Finally he engaged in the straw works, which business he continued twenty-nine years, and then relinquished it on account of deafness. In the years of his retirement he spent much of his time in reading, religious

books generally having the preference. This employment made his last days very pleasant. But the same infirmity which compelled him to relinquish business pursuits, made him unfit to guard against the danger which threatened his life; he was struck by a locomotive and instantly killed, October 11, 1893.

For two winters, 1840-1 and 1841-2, Samuel S. Dutton had charge of the Second Middle School. He was extremely fond of singing with his pupils, and the visiting committee often had music crowded upon their attention when they would have been better entertained with prompt and well prepared lessons in the regular studies of the school. Mr. Dutton was afterwards during several years the agent for obtaining subscribers to the "Christian Witness," the organ of the Episcopal Church in New England. His success was remarkable. It was said that no man whom he found with two dollars in his pocket, or worthy of that amount of credit, ever failed to subscribe; it was the only escape from Mr. Dutton's persistency; what epithets were in consequence sometimes applied to the agent, it would be invidious to mention. This good, but singular man died unmarried about 1868.

In 1840 Betsey Baker was employed fourteen weeks as a teacher in the primary department of the West Dedham School. The next year she was in charge of the Clapboardtrees summer school, and for several terms of a later date. In 1850 the primary part of the West Dedham School was intrusted to her and continued in her care until 1859. Year after year her work received high commendation in the Town Reports. All this praise was well deserved. She was the daughter of Obed and Betsey (Metcalf) Baker, born in West Dedham, June 8, 1822. Her education, beyond that afforded by the grammar school near her home, was obtained at the Wheaton Female Seminary, Norton. She was married Sept. 16, 1861, to Mr. John Tucker of Watertown, where she spent the remainder of her life in a very pleasant home.

In the winter of 1840-1, John Hackett of Holderness, N.

H., who had been a student and teacher in Holliston Academy, taught 18 weeks in the Mill School. Afterwards he studied medicine with Dr. S. S. Whitney of Newton, and soon after receiving his medical degree in 1842, while assisting his teacher in a post mortem examination, was accidentally exposed to blood poisoning of which he died after a few hours of great suffering.

Martha May Guild taught a private school thirty years, beginning before 1840, in the building afterwards used as a vestry by the Congregational Parish of South Dedham, and later occupied by the Norwood Advertiser and Review. She was the daughter of Jacob Guild, baptized Sept. 18, 1802. Late in middle life she married the Rev. Caleb Kimball in Medway. "He was blind and she assisted him in his religious work and in the preparation of his discourses, and was throughout her life a woman of great intellectual gifts, retaining her faculties to the last." She died at her home in Medway, Dec. 9, 1898, at the ripe age of ninety-six years. Eight of her pupils attended the funeral service.

In the summer of 1840 Mary Jane Hawes of Walpole, instructed the Clapboardtrees School. She was the daughter of Luke and Ann (Crowe) Hawes, born in Boston, August 30, 1817. Her descent from Richard Hawes, who came to Dorchester in 1635, is in this line: Richard, Obadiah, Richard, Stephen, Benjamin, Luke. Her father dying when she was about six years old, she was cared for and educated in the home of her uncle, the Hon. Joseph Hawes of Walpole. She probably taught in the Mill School of Dedham a few weeks in 1836 and later was teaching in Sharon three terms. In 1841 she married Edward Dexter Bent of Dedham, where she lived a year; afterward she resided in Northboro and Worcester, then removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H., where she died August 7, 1854. Her interment was in Walpole, Mass.

Elizabeth Hawes Ellis was an early and acceptable teacher in the "Old Brick" now Balch School, probably before 1840. She was the daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Hawes) Ellis,

born in Medfield in 1816. She improved her opportunities in the district schools of Medfield and Sharon so as to qualify herself well for teaching in Sharon West, and Medfield Centre. In 1843 she was married to Albert Stone, and has resided in Belvidere and Elgin, Illinois, her present home being in the latter city, at 116 Cottage Street.

Between 1840 and 1852 Lucy Maria Allen was much employed as a teacher in Dedham, her last work being in the primary department of the First Middle School. Of refined manners and affectionate disposition, her influence on children was excellent. She was the youngest daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Fisher) Allen, born June 6, 1824. She died in Dedham, Dec. 12, 1852.

Mary Catherine Hoffman, a native of Baltimore, Md., came to Dedham about the year 1840 and established a private school which occupied rooms in the house of Jonathan H. Cobb, Esq., in whose family she lived. She was a brilliant and energetic young lady, and as a teacher highly efficient, especially in shaping the manners, tastes and habits of her pupils. After several years of marked success in Dedham, she opened a school in Boston. There she soon formed the acquaintance of a young Brazilian of good family, Joaquin Barbosa Cordeiro, who had come to Boston to pursue his medical studies. When he had completed his course in 1854 they were married and went to reside in Ceara, on the Northern coast of Brazil. In 1862 the husband died, and Mrs. Cordeiro returned to Massachusetts, desiring that her three children, a son and two daughters, should receive their education in New England. This she secured by the careful husbandry of her somewhat limited means, giving her son, Frederic Joaquin Barbosa, a collegiate and medical education at Harvard College, A. B. 1881, M. D. 1884, which secured him a position as surgeon in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Cordeiro, after her return, resided first in Roxbury, then for a time in Dedham, but later in Florida. From there she returned in broken health to Ded-

ham, where she died August 1, 1891, aged 66 years and two months, and was buried by the side of her daughters in the Brookdale Cemetery.

Frederic Augustus Pratt graduated at Yale College in 1840, and in 1843-4 taught the Westfield, or Burgess School, six months. He was the son of Phineas and Mary Pratt of Deep River, Conn., born Oct. 10, 1816; and when he taught in Dedham was a member of the East Windsor, Conn., Theological School. He began his ministry in Muscatine, Iowa, where in 1849 he married Judith McCormick of Auburn, Fauquier Co., Va. He was next located in Scotch Grove, Iowa, laboring as a missionary among the Scotch Presbyterians from Lord Selkirk's settlement near Hudson's Bay, having charge of two churches 20 miles apart. Bronchial troubles interrupting his ministry, he became Principal of the Bellfonte Academy in Pa., and later he and Mrs. Pratt taught the first free public school in Portsmouth, Va.. In 1857 they removed to Dakota Co., Minn., and did missionary work in "The Land of the Dacotas" eleven years, establishing and supplying various churches. They now reside in Lyra, four miles from Mapleton, Minn., their P. O. address. They have three children: Dr. Alexis L. is a medical examiner in the pension office; Augusta is a stenographer in the U. S. Treasury Dept.; Ireneus is on the farm at home, the comfort and support of his parents.

Samuel Reed Smith, remembered as the prompt, energetic and efficient master who taught in the Clapboardtrees School two winters, 1840-1 and 1841-2, was the eldest son of Lebbeus and Mary Bates Smith, born in South Abington, Sept. 2, 1818. He was educated in the public schools of Abington and Bridgewater; and married Mrs. Eliza A. Swan Langley, Feb. 19, 1857. After he relinquished teaching, he was for many years in the leather business, at first as book-keeper for Frost & Co., New Orleans; afterwards as a member of the firm of B. F. Thompson & Co., Boston, retiring from active business in 1874.

He resided in Boston and Winchester, and the last twenty years of his life in Arlington, where he died Oct. 1, 1897, at the age of seventy-nine years.

William Bates instructed the Westfield School two long terms of five and six months, 1840-1 and 1841-2, being one of those teachers employed by the late Rev. Dr. Burgess largely at his own expense. He was the son of the Rev. Dr. Joshua and Anna (Poor) Bates, born in Dedham, Jan. 19, 1816. He graduated at Middlebury College, Vt., in 1837, under the presidency of his father; completed three years of study at Andover Theological Seminary in 1840; was ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church of Northbridge, Mass., Oct. 5, 1845; remained there till 1858, when he became the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Falmouth, where he died in 1859. In all these relations he showed himself able and faithful, and his name is still honored by his pupils and his parishioners.

In 1841 and 1842 the summer schools in the Second Middle District were taught by Harriet Watson of Thetford, Vermont. She was the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Watson, and was also employed as a teacher in the public schools of Medfield, Medway, Holliston and Reading. In Reading, Nov. 29, 1850, she was united in marriage to Cyrus A. Thompson. In 1894 she was able to attend the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Thetford Academy and was entertained in the very house in which she was born. She resides in North Woburn, and is pleasantly remembered by her surviving Dedham pupils.

Nancy E. Talbot was a teacher in South Dedham about 1841 or 2. She was of Sharon, the daughter of Josiah, Jr., and Mary (Richards) Talbot. She married Champion Clark, and resided for a short time in Baltimore, Md. After his death she graduated in medicine at Boston, was joined in marriage to Amos Binney of Boston, and in 1894 resided with her daughter in Philadelphia.

In the summer of 1841 Celia A. Colburn had charge of the school at Walpole Corner. She was the daughter of Celia (Baker) and Ellis Colburn; and on November 25, 1841, was married by the Rev. J. B. Damon to the Rev. Martin Luther Bickford, of Hanover Co., Virginia. Mrs. Bickford assisted her husband in a private school which he had established there, and soon afterwards they set up a school for young ladies in Richmond, Va. It was continued several years with success; but her health made it advisable to return to the North. Their last days together were spent in Waltham, where she died.

The Union School at Walpole Corner was under the instruction of Henry Gay in the winter of 1841-2, as was the Clapboardtrees in 1847-8. As a teacher Mr. Gay was logical and thorough; so say his pupils. The towns of Plymouth and Marlboro were also benefited by his faithful labors in the school room. He was the son of William King and Susan (Gould) Gay, born Aug. 1, 1819. An important part of his education was obtained at Phillips Andover Academy. May 2, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann French of West Dedham. Soon after this he engaged in the provision trade as more favorable to his health than the close confinement of teaching, but for several years he was an efficient member of the Town School Committee; yet he was not destined to enjoy a long life. He died May 20, 1861, and Dedham lost a worthy and highly esteemed citizen.

In the winter of 1841-2 the Mill School was instructed by L. Allen Kingsbury of Needham, now Wellesley. He is the son of Luther and Almira Kingsbury, born March 9, 1818, and had been educated at Holliston and Phillips Andover Academies. He taught in many places, among them in Holliston and Day Academies till 1850. Of his character as a teacher we fortunately have the testimony of the late Dr. Alvan Lamson, who wrote May 9, 1842, as follows: "Mr. L. Allen Kingsbury has been remarkably successful as a teacher with us the past winter. For good order and general proficiency his

school has ranked among our best. He has given entire satisfaction to the committee, and I believe to the district. I consider him as possessing all the requirements of a good teacher, sufficient literary attainments, a talent for discipline and for communicating instruction, correct principles, and pleasant and gentlemanly manners; and I can very cordially recommend him wherever a teacher may be wanted." Dr. Lamson's testimonial was approved by Rev. Dr. Burgess and Rev. John White, his associates in office. In 1848 Mr. Kingsbury married at Needham, Miss Mary Jane Dix; and in 1872, at Wellesley Hills, Charlotte M. Sawyer. He resides at Wellesley Hills where he has always been active in town affairs, serving on the school committee twelve or fourteen years. His ideas on school music were so well approved as to be given a place in the Report of the Massachusetts Board of Education.

Sarah Fisher, who taught the Westfield School in the summer of 1842, was the youngest child of John and Keziah Fisher, who lived near the schoolhouse of that district, where she was born April 5, 1820. She was married to Timothy Smith Fuller, April 16, 1844, and spent a few years in the west; but her health failing, she returned to the east and died in West Dedham, Feb. 25, 1874.

In the summer of 1842 Anna Elizabeth Onion taught the West Dedham school; in 1843-4 the Mill School, 38 1-2 weeks; in the summers of 1845, 6 and 7, the Westfield School. She is the daughter of Joseph and Philinda (Bills) Onion of Dedham and was well educated in the Dr. Burgess school. In 1850 she was married to David N. Chase, and now resides on the estate formerly improved by her father, who occasionally taught schools in Dedham from 1810 to 1827.

In the winter of 1842-3 Daniel Fisher Draper taught the Second Middle School sixteen weeks. He was the son of Deacon Martin and Sally (Fisher) Draper, born in Dedham June 10, 1822, and was educated at Phillips Andover Academy. He was a successful dentist in Portland, Me., "ac-

quiring a large property ; but during the later years of his life he spent most of his winters in Florida on account of his health." He married Mrs. Mary Ann (Collins) Merrill, May 1, 1847 : died Feb. 10, 1874.

In the summer of 1842 Julia Kingsbury was the teacher in the "Old Brick," now Balch, School. The following winter Arthur G. Pierce taught in the same place.

In 1842 Joanna E. Dana instructed the West Dedham School twenty-two weeks. She was the daughter of Lemuel and Hannah (Eames) Dana, born in 1822, and was educated in the Westfield School when the higher branches were taught there to such an extent as to make it almost equal to an academy. She was married to Mr. John Mills of Needham, May 24, 1862. Mrs. Mills was a person of considerable literary enterprise, and wrote a volume of "Memories and Poems," which was published in 1881. A few years before her death in 1893, she expressed to me the intention of writing some reminiscences of the Westfield School. Had she done so, the record would have been valuable and especially interesting to those who enjoyed its privileges.

Annie S. Rhodes taught in the North District of the South Parish in 1842. She was a student at Holliston Academy, and from the "Special Record" of that school, I obtain the following: "In 1847 she married Rev. Adin S. Boyden, A. M., and removed to Columbus, Georgia. For nineteen years he was engaged in teaching and preaching in that place. In 1866 they made their home in East Barnard, Vt., where they resided in 1876. Mr. Boyden was a member of the Legislature of Vermont 1872 and 1873."

Edward Rogers taught the Westfield School six months, 1842-3. He was the son of John William and Martha (Farrar) Rogers, born in Boston, May 27, 1822 ; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1842 ; read law with Charles Theodore Russell of Boston two years ; at Harvard University Law School one year ; practised law at Webster, Mass., 1845 to 1855 ; re-

moved to Chicago in Sept., 1855, and died there June 21, 1856. He married Charlotte Amelia, daughter of Col. William Barron at Norwich, Vt., Oct. 15, 1851.

In the winter of 1842-3 Silas Morrison Blanchard taught the school at Readville, having graduated at Dartmouth College the summer before. He continued teaching four years at an academy in Hancock Co., Va., and two in Pembroke, N. H. He studied divinity one year at a Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C., and graduated at Andover Theological Seminary in 1849. Ordained in 1853, he preached at Chichester, N. H., '52-'57; Bath, N. H., '57-'58; Wentworth, N. H., '60-'66; Hudson, N. H., '67-'68. He was the son of Benjamin Blanchard of Windham, N. H., born March 9, 1820, and died in 1888 at Hudson.

John William Bacon of Natick, then a senior in Harvard College, was master of the South Dedham School in the winter of 1842-3. He was then twenty-four years of age and after his graduation taught for a short time in the English High School of Boston. In 1846 he was admitted to the Bar of Middlesex Co. and practised law in his native town fourteen years, being a member of the State Senate from 1859 to 1862. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court on its establishment, July 2, 1866, and in 1871 he was made an associate justice of the Superior Court of the State of Massachusetts. While holding court at Taunton he died suddenly, March 21, 1888, having completed faithfully and honorably the allotted term of human life.

Benjamin Bird Fuller of Dover, having previously taught in Sherborn, took charge of the Mill School Dec. 28, 1842. He taught it five months and began the next winter term: but two months later his health failed and he went home to die. A letter from him to a brother teacher, dated Jan., 1843, gives some interesting facts showing the character of his school. He had 55 pupils; all studied arithmetic, forming five classes. These classes and a half hour devoted to writing by forty

pupils filled the three morning hours. In the afternoon session all read in four classes, and all were taught spelling in three classes. In English grammar there were also three classes, and two in geography. He was also required to teach United States History, Natural Philosophy and Geometry; and fifteen wrote compositions once in two weeks. Such school-teaching was no sinecure; it was doubtless too severe a tax on Mr. Fuller's constitution. He was born in Dublin, N. H., Dec. 25, 1822, the son of Ira and Hannah (Bird) Fuller, and was educated at the Bridgewater Normal School and the Phillips Andover Academy. He died in Dover, Jan. 15, 1844.

Of the many private schools of Dedham the one of longest continuance was taught by Emily Charlotte Hodges, who began her labors as an assistant to Miss Hoffman in 1843, and soon after became sole manager of the school and continued it successfully till 1871. She enjoyed the patronage of many families and gave her pupils an excellent training for more advanced studies. She is a native of Dedham, the daughter of Charles and Mary Taylor (Farrington) Hodges, and now resides in Boston. Many persons in Dedham have a grateful remembrance of their school days under her faithful and judicious care.

At the opening of the winter term, 1843-4, George A. Sawyer took charge of the First Middle School and held the position till the end of the summer term of 1844. He next taught a school in West Roxbury, probably till he became a teacher in the Dwight School of Boston in 1838, where he remained about three years. In 1857 we find him associated with Matthew P. Spear in the management of a Commercial School at 96 Tremont Street. A few years later he was in sole charge of such a school at 161 Tremont Street, Boston, having his residence in Dorchester. From the Boston directory of 1891 we learn that "George A. Sawyer, Teacher, died at 212 Centre Street, Dorchester, Oct. 27, 1890."

Harvey Allen taught the Second Middle School sixteen

weeks, at six dollars a week, in the winter of 1843-4. Careful inquiry concerning him has secured no additional facts.

In the winter of 1843-4 Mr. I. A. Goodwin was the teacher in the South district of the South Parish.

Almeria E. Fitz of Salisbury had charge of the Readville School two summers and one winter, 1843-4. She then attended the Normal School at West Newton, graduating in January, 1847. Resuming her position at Readville, she was there in 1847, 8 and 9. Her work was highly commended in the report of the school committee, and a year or two later they alluded to her recent death.

The Mill School in 1843 had Mary Ann Tinkham in charge of the primary department: in 1844 she was succeeded by Caroline R. Wiley.

Three pleasant primary summer schools, 1843, 4 and 5, in West Dedham, were in charge of Mary Jane Fisher, the daughter of Jabez and Persis (Howes) Fisher of that parish. She was born March 20, 1826, and received her education in the public and private schools near her home in which the Rev. John White and other friends of education were much interested. Her teaching is still pleasantly remembered, and the "Rewards of Merit" received from her are cherished mementos. She was united in marriage to Ezra Southworth Jackson in South Boston, June 14, 1866, and since that time has always resided at Forest Hills. She mentions the curious fact, that for her sixty-seven weeks of teaching she received one hundred fifty-seven dollars.

When a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, in 1843, George Ellery Clarke came to teach the winter school in Mill Village. He also had charge of the East Street School two winters, beginning in the autumn of 1845. He was born in Needham, Oct. 30, 1822, the son of Lewis and Hannah (Kingsbury) Clarke. He graduated at Williams College in 1851, and at first devoted himself largely to teaching, and the towns of Needham, Newton, and Falmouth received the benefit of his

labors. In 1856 he married Achsah Shiverick of Falmouth, where he engaged in banking; and from 1873 to 1889 was cashier of the Falmouth National Bank. In 1890 and 1891 he represented the First Barnstable district in the State Legislature. In 1898 he resided in Falmouth.

In the winter of 1843-4 the Readville School was in charge of James Parker Treadwell. He was the son of Captain Moses and Lydia Bowes (Parker) Treadwell of Ipswich, born June 25, 1817. It may be interesting to those who remember his infirmity to know that "when he was eight years old he was accidentally shot by a cousin, and it became necessary to amputate the wounded leg." He was an uncommonly studious person; and it is remembered by his pupils that he devoted a part of the school time to his own studies, and his late hours, devoted to books, sometimes disturbed the quiet of the household where he boarded. He entered Harvard in 1840, but did not graduate with his class, being absent during the senior year because he had published in his junior year contrary to the expressed wishes of the Faculty an edition of a poem styled "The Rebelliad." Subsequently, however, he received his degree as of the class of 1844. Admitted to the Suffolk Bar in 1850, he went to California in 1852, and there in the practice of the law attained distinction; and partly by this practice, partly by transactions in real estate, amassed a large fortune. He died Dec. 27, 1884, leaving a widow, two sons and three daughters.

John Dexter Sherman of South Lincoln taught in the First Middle School the autumn term of 1843, having been recommended by his predecessor, Mr. Mowry, who had known him at Holliston Academy. He was the son of John and Lucy (Baker) Sherman of Lincoln, born March 22, 1816. He taught schools in Lincoln, Sudbury, Waltham and Watertown; and finally devoted himself to agricultural pursuits in his native town. He never married, but devoted himself largely to the welfare of other men's families by twenty-five years of ap-

proved service as Town School Committee. His fellow citizens showed their faith in his fidelity and honesty by choosing him their collector of taxes for the same length of time, from 1852 to 1877. Mr. Sherman died Feb. 2, 1892.

In the summer of 1843 Frances Maria Baker began her work as a teacher in the Westfield District. She continued to teach in the primary department of the Second Middle in the winter of 1843-4; in the West School of Dover, summer of 1844; then in the Second Middle again till 1849. She then spent a year at the West Newton Normal School under the instruction of the Rev. Cyrus Pierce. The summer of 1850 she taught in Attleboro; then a year in the First Middle primary; and another year, 1860-1, in South Dedham. Her last and longest term of service was in the Grammar department of the Second Middle District, from 1862 till June, 1875. In all her schools Miss Baker secured cheerful and effective study, and her pupils are always ready to express their gratitude for her thorough instruction. She is the daughter of John and Patty Ellis Baker, her father having been for nine years Sheriff of Norfolk County. She resides in Dedham in the house where her father lived, and which has been her home since 1830.

Two summer terms, 1843 and 1844, the West Dedham Grammar School was instructed by Caroline Partridge whose pleasant memory is still cherished by her pupils. She was born in Sherborn, June 16, 1819, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Babcock) Partridge, her father being of the sixth generation from John Partridge of Medfield, her mother of the sixth from Robert Babcock of Milton. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Daniel W. Stevens, Unitarian clergyman, of Mansfield; and died Dec. 28, 1849. Her monument is in Medfield, and bears this inscription: "*Vera amicitia est sempiterna.*"

In 1843 Eliza Ann Richards taught in the Second Middle School twenty-nine weeks prior to Sept. 17. At that date she left her school on account of illness and died Oct. 17 in her

twenty-first year. She was the daughter of Lemuel and Eliza (Lyon) Richards, born Feb. 11, 1823. The circumstances of her early death awakened much public sympathy as well as private grief.

Gustavus Adolphus Somerby was in charge of the West Dedham School during the winter of 1844-5. He was the son of Samuel and Hannah (George) Somerby of Newbury, Mass., and studied his profession with Judge Edward Mellen of Wayland, where he practised law till 1852. He then removed to Waltham and for six years more held his position amid the powerful rivalry of the Middlesex bar which at that day included men whom it required courage as well as knowledge of the law to encounter. In 1858 he opened an office in Boston where he soon became one of the strongest criminal lawyers of the time; but in achieving his marvelous success, he overtasked his strength and ruined his health. He died at South Framingham, July 24, 1879.

Among the early Normal Teachers employed in Dedham was Elbridge Clapp, who taught in the Readville District three successive winters beginning in 1844. He is the son of Samuel and Abigail (Paul) Clapp, born in Sharon and educated in the public schools of that town, in Wrentham Academy, and the Bridgewater Normal School. He was a successful teacher; but evidently preferred other business and soon engaged in trade, first in West Dedham and a little later in Quincy, of which city he is now a resident. In 1849, Sept. 5, Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hewins of Sharon.

William H. Hews was master of the South Dedham School two winters, 1843-4 and 1844-5. Another teacher, name not given, is said to have begun the term of 1844-5, which Mr. Hews completed to the entire satisfaction of the committee.

On the twenty-eighth day of March, 1844, Humphrey Webster received of Mr. James Griggs, Com. and Treas., 100 dollars for teaching the Second Middle School four months.

He was the son of Matthew P. and Nancy (Calef) Webster, born in Salisbury, New Hampshire, Feb. 19, 1821. As his birthplace indicates, he was said to be a relative of the Hon. Daniel Webster. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1844, and continued to teach in the towns of Springfield and Worcester. He married Eliza Hamilton, the daughter of Lucius A. Emery of West Newbury, Nov. 29, 1853. He soon after removed to Maborn, North Carolina, where he had a plantation when the War of the Rebellion broke out. He died in 1866. His relation to the Hon. Daniel Webster is thus described by C. C. Webster of Salisbury Heights, N. H.: "Humphrey was the son of Matthew C., the son of Humphrey, the son of John, the cousin of Ebenezer, the father of Hon. Daniel."

Soon after graduating at Harvard College in 1844, Charles James Capen began to teach as master of the First Middle School. In 1849 he opened a private High and Classical School on Church Street. Two years later, 1851, at a considerable pecuniary sacrifice he relinquished this enterprise, to accept the first mastership of the Dedham High School; and after one year's service in this position he was appointed Usher in the Boston Latin School where he had been fitted for college. He became Sub-master in 1867, and Master in 1870. Since entering upon his work of instruction in Boston, he has not been absent from a single session on account of any disability; or even tardy, unless detained by delays of the rail-cars. To fitly describe the quality of his school work would be useless, even were it possible; thousands will never forget it, or fail to appreciate it. During all this, more than half a century of teaching in schools, he has been a devotee of music, and has never refused his services when they have been sought by friendship or charity. He has been his own teacher in this art, never having "taken lessons" from any one; but he has been himself a teacher of the piano and organ from 1840 to the present time. At the age of sixteen he began to play the organ for Sunday services, and during his college course was the

organist of a church in West Cambridge, now Arlington. He was organist and director of music for the Unitarian Society in Dedham nearly forty years, and organist for the Orthodox Society seven years; for more than thirty years he has directed the music and played the organ for the Sunday morning religious services in the Norfolk County Jail and House of Correction. Mr. Capen has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs and for over thirty years has been a Justice of the Peace. He is the son of Rev. Lemuel and Mary Ann (Hunting) Capen, and was born in South Boston, April 5, 1823. He was joined in marriage to Lucy Richmond Seaver, of Dedham, April 26, 1848; and to Caroline Elizabeth Guild, of the same town, June 28, 1883. Residing in Dedham, he is still, 1905, punctual in his daily duties in the Boston Latin School.

Jeremiah Brown taught the Clapboardtrees School during the winter of 1844-5. He was the son of John and Sarah (Gregg) Brown of Bradford, N. H., born Sept. 6, 1814; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1840; taught school at Marriott's Heights, Maryland, 1840-41; studied medicine one year with Dr. Ames of Bradford; read law with Hon. Mason W. Tappan of Bradford about three years, devoting his winters to teaching in Massachusetts; finished his law studies with Hon. Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham; opened an office there; after two years removed to Boston and continued in the practice of his profession till his death in 1881.

Mary Jane Fuller taught the Walpole Corner School in 1844. She was young and musical, and having detained one of the boys in the schoolroom during recess for some misdemeanor, she spent her time there in trying her voice in a new piece of music. At the end of the recess the little rogue said to her: "I don't think it's any punishment at all to stay in and hear you sing." Miss Fuller was the daughter of Calvin and Abigail (Rutter) Fuller of Dedham, and was educated chiefly in the private schools of Miles Gardner, Miss Caroline Whit-

ing and Miss Hoffman. She was married to Dr. Joseph Rutter Draper, Nov. 22, 1855; resided many years in South Boston, and died in 1901.

The primary department of the First Middle School came under the care of Maria Fisher, October 14, 1844; and in the autumn of 1846 she took charge of the intermediate and continued it till May 14, 1848, when she began to teach in Boston, remaining there till June 14, 1851. Before coming to Dedham she taught in Easton, 1843; and in Canton, 1844. On June 15, 1851, she was married to Edward William Davenport of Mendon, and resided there till 1856, when she removed to the town of Lewis, Cass Co., Iowa. Earnestly solicited by the settlers of that new town, she opened a private school and afterwards became the first public teacher there. Removing to Council Bluffs in 1864, to supply a great want, she entered the public school as teacher for a year; afterwards taught private classes. In 1878 she became librarian of the Council Bluffs Public Library, resigning in 1894, but continuing a trustee. Mrs. Davenport was, from its organization in 1882, the president of the first Woman's Club of Council Bluffs, till her return in 1895 to Roxbury, Mass., her present home. She is the daughter of Alexander and Clarissa (Tucker) Fisher, born in Canton, December 6, 1826, and it is evident that her life has been full of efficient service for the communities in which her lot has been cast.

The Westfield District School was under the instruction of Charles Grosvenor Goddard two winter terms of six months each, 1844-5, and 1845-6. He was the son of Asahel and Elizabeth (Grosvenor) Goddard, born in Petersham, February 26, 1817; fitted for college at Monson Academy; graduated at Amherst College, 1841, and at East Windsor Theological Institute, 1849; was ordained at West Hartford, Ct., June 13, 1850; preached 1850 to 1853; was principal of the academy at East Windsor Hill, Ct., 1854 to 1856; and preached at West Hartford, Ct., 1856 to 1872. In 1850 he married Anna

N., daughter of Isaac Palmer Gates of Edwardsborough, C. W. Died at West Hartland August 29, 1872. He was the last of the teachers employed by the Rev. Dr. Burgess to give instruction in the higher studies, such as are generally pursued in academies.

In the summer of 1844 the south district of the South Parish was taught by Louisa Tolman, a native of Sharon. She was the daughter of William and Mary (Swift) Tolman, born Dec. 9, 1826, and was educated at East Bridgewater Academy. She first taught in Norton, summer of 1842, also in North Sharon, 1845 and 1847; then in West Stoughton, summer of 1847. November 19, 1848, she was married to Charles Jones, of Stoughton, by the Rev. L. R. Phillips of Sharon. She resides in Stoughton where in a very pleasant interview the above facts of her history were obtained in 1899.

Willard Pratt Plimpton was the teacher for "five successive winter terms of about five months each in Walpole Corner, commencing in 1844." This excellent teacher was the son of Willard and Eunice (Pratt) Plimpton of Foxboro, born May 7, 1821, and was educated in the common schools of his native town and in Holliston Academy. He was married to Clarissa Maria Wight of Medfield, Oct. 9, 1851. For about thirty years he was engaged in the wholesale millinery business in Boston. His residence was in West Newton, where he held many positions of trust, and in 1898 was Assistant Assessor for the city of Newton. He died March 23, 1905.

The master's assistant in the First Middle School from 1844 to 1846 was Harriette Whitney of Attleboro who graduated in Sept., 1841, at the Lexington (now Framingham) State Normal School, of which the Rev. Samuel J. May was the Principal. Miss Whitney was the daughter of Martin and Nancy (Orne) Whitney, born in North Attleboro, Nov. 23, 1816. After studying at Wrentham Academy she taught in her native town and in Pawtucket, R. I.; but her highest enjoyment of educational work was in Dedham, after a Normal

training and the wise suggestions of Mr. May enabled her to direct her efforts more wisely. She was married to Otis Stanley of North Attleboro, Jan. 6, 1847. Mrs. Stanley carried her high estimate of education into her new home; and at great self-sacrifice procured for her children its best possible advantages, securing for her only son the privileges of a full course of study at Brown University. Mrs. Stanley died at North Attleboro, Feb. 13, 1867, leaving a son and a daughter.

About the first of May, 1845, John Wilson was appointed master of the Mill School, a letter of recommendation from Theodore Parker helping him to the position. He was a very quiet, accurate, patient, conscientious and effective teacher. In 1848 he was promoted to the First Middle School and there remained till 1857. He then resigned for a position in Watertown which he held till 1861, when he was placed at the head of the Prescott School in Somerville and taught there till 1883. He was the son of Samuel G. and Margaret (McFarland) Wilson, born in Edgecomb, Maine, in 1810. He prepared himself for his special work in a Teacher's Seminary, and at the age of nineteen began to apply his ability in the district schools about Edgecomb, and afterwards in Canterbury, N. H. Before coming to Dedham he had taught in Brookline and Roxbury, and in 1836 had married Mary Hooper Smith of Roxbury. About 1890 Mr. Wilson removed from Somerville to reside with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Grace Wilson Peebles, at Storrs, Conn., where he died Nov. 29, 1895, having been a teacher fifty-four years.

In the winter of 1845-6 the master of the West Dedham School was Julius Carroll of South Walpole. He taught in all fourteen winter schools, the first in Mansfield, several terms in South Walpole, and a select school in Foxboro. His academic education was obtained under Master Rice in Holliston, and he was justly esteemed a thorough and acceptable teacher. In 1844 he married Ann Eliza Plimpton of Foxborough. Ceasing to be a teacher, he was for several years a book-keeper in the straw

works of Foxborough ; then removed to Providence, R. I., and was a milliner there about twenty years. He was the son of Joseph and Asenath (Carpenter) Carroll, born in 1820, and died in 1893. He was fond of poetry and often exercised his talents in composing it for the entertainment or consolation of his friends.

Henry Richardson Plimpton was master of the Second Middle School two winters, 1845-6 and 1846-7. He was a thorough and faithful teacher and is said to have obtained his position through the influence of his great uncle, James Richardson, Esq., "once a law partner of Fisher Ames." He was the son of Leonard and Sarah Turner (Lane) Plimpton, born in Medfield, Oct. 8, 1820, and after attending the public schools of that town studied under the direction of his relative, the Rev. James Richardson, Jr., at East Greenwich, R. I. Later he was a student at Holliston Academy under Master Rice. Then he was a teacher in Wrentham and Walpole. Soon after closing his school in Dedham he engaged with a brother in the "manufacture of machinery and furniture in Westfield ; a few years later they removed to Boston, and have been well-known there as manufacturers and dealers in fine furniture. He was a man of large inventive ability, and his various inventions were valuable." Mr. Plimpton joined in 1871 the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, an organization to which his emigrant ancestor, John Plimpton of Dedham, belonged as early as 1643. He married Mary E. Sacket, Oct. 14, 1856, and died in Walpole, Aug. 24, 1891, leaving one son and one daughter.

Lucretia Jane Guild, the daughter of Joel and Lucretia (Phipps) Guild, taught the South District School of South Dedham two summers, 1845 and 1846. She was born in South Dedham, September 27, 1825, and was a pupil in the private school of Mrs. Martha M. Guild, and later attended the Holliston Academy. In the autumn of 1846 she began to teach in Brookline and continued there nearly five years, which ended

her experience as a teacher. In 1854, April 19, she was married to John Newell Smith, of Walpole, where she still resides, her four children all living to contribute to her happiness.

Mary Dwinell Chellis had charge of the Second Middle School in the summer of 1845. She was of Goshen, N. H., born Feb. 13, 1826, the daughter of Seth and Myra (Gilbert) Chellis. Her education was received in the Lowell High School, where she completed the full course of studies. On the 17th of June, 1877, she was married to Stephen Francis Lund, of Newport, N. H., where she resided till her death, June 2, 1891. Many years of her life were devoted to authorship, during which she wrote forty volumes of Sunday school and temperance literature, besides a large number of articles for periodicals, thereby exerting a wide and salutary influence.

In 1845 a Miss Bispham had charge of the School at Walpole Corner, and her work received the approval of the Town Committee.

Amos Fletcher Spalding was master of the West Dedham School during the winter of 1846-7. He was the son of Amos and Mary (Warren) Spalding, born in Boston, January 12, 1821; prepared for college at an academy in Worcester; graduated from Brown University, 1847; from Newton Theological Seminary, 1850; ordained, 1851; pastor in Montreal, Ca., till 1852; in Cambridge till 1856; in Calais, Me., till 1860; then ten years in Warren, R. I. In October, 1862, he married in Brookline Caroline Elizabeth Sanderson, and in 1872 removed to Norwich, Conn., and in 1876 to Needham, Mass., where he was pastor at the time of his death, which occurred suddenly at the Chelmsford depot, November 30, 1877.

In the summer of 1846 the grammar department of the West Dedham School was under the care of Eliza Ann Harding of Wrentham, the daughter of Col. Lewis and Irene (Hartshorn) Harding. She was well educated in the public schools and Academy of her native town, and for fifteen years was an

assistant teacher in the Dwight and Everett Schools of Boston. Her last residence was in Cambridge, where she died in 1885.

The Walpole Corner School had for its teacher in the summer of 1846 Caroline Buckminster Clarke of Framingham. She is the daughter of Alexander and Mary (Bent) Clark, born Jan. 9, 1823. She was educated chiefly at Framingham Academy; and, before teaching in Dedham, had taught in Westborough two years, and in Framingham three. On the tenth of June, 1847, she was married to Zebina Gleason, H. U. class of 1834; and of this event and her subsequent life she says: "At the time of marriage I came as a bride to the house (forty-eight years ago next Monday) where 'I still live.' Facts of interest—to none but myself—grow out of a busy life—busy as a wife and mother; yet, finding time to keep up my interest in literary pursuits: reading—writing a little—anxious always to retain all I have learned." The long residence thus pleasantly alluded to has been in Westborough, Massachusetts.

In the summer of 1846 the Westfield School was in charge of Martha Ingraham Cotton, who had graduated at the West Newton (now Framingham) Normal School the September previous. She was the daughter of John and Caroline (Chittenden) Cotton, born in Boston. How much of her life she devoted to teaching, is to me unknown. She died in Boston, April, 1893.

Ann E. Page began to teach the primary class of the Mill School in 1846. She graduated from the State Normal School in West Newton, her native town, in Sept., 1845. She left Dedham in 1850. In the catalogue of the Framingham Normal School, published in 1889, her address is given as "Mrs. Samuel Bent, Elmira, N. Y." While she was in Dedham the School Board often found occasion to commend her work.

Maria Baker had charge of the primary part of the West Dedham School in 1846. She is the daughter of Obed and Betsey (Metcalf) Baker, born in West Dedham, July 15, 1826. Besides the privileges of the district school, she enjoyed those

of a Female Seminary at Charlestown. In 1849, April 22, she was joined in marriage to Augustus P. Stockbridge. Her residence is in Norwood.

The Clapboardtree School had three teachers by the name of Hemenway, two sons and a daughter of Windsor and Sophronica (Belknap) Hemenway, all born in Framingham, and educated at Framingham Academy:—Onslow Hemenway was born May 27, 1824, and graduated at Brown University; taught the Dedham School the winter of 1846-7; assisted in the New Bedford High School a few years; married Martha A. Shepherd, of New Bedford, December 16, 1850; became principal of Newton High School, and so continued till his death on April 22, 1855, leaving a widow, who is now, 1899, a teacher in New Bedford:—Clarissa Cordelia Hemenway was born Nov. 27, 1825; taught in Dedham the summer of 1849; was married December 18, 1851, to Alden B. Marshall of Hebron, Me.; and now, in 1899, resides in Newton:—Appleton Selwin Hemenway was born February 12, 1831; taught in Dedham, 1851-2; taught in the Westboro Reform School six months; then was an assistant in the Rev. Samuel Worcester's private school in Baltimore, Md., about four years; married Mary Elizabeth Patton of Baltimore, Feb. 5, 1856; soon returned to Framingham where he has since resided, devoting himself to mechanical pursuits.

Terziah M. Beckwith was a teacher in the North School of the South Parish in 1846.

Geography as a study came into the Dedham schools soon after Jedediah Morse published a work on that subject in 1784. About 1800 a smaller book was printed, accompanied by an atlas, about ten inches square, in which the United States were represented as consisting of the original thirteen colonies, with Vermont added; the district of Maine figured as a part of Massachusetts. A copy of this atlas was preserved in my father's house till it fell a prey to destructive children; it would be worth more than its weight in silver to-day. The

next books on this subject were by Peter Parley and Olney. These were much more attractive and made the study interesting. The lessons consisted largely in finding places on the maps which the pupils had before them in recitations. In that way they became very expert in the use of maps for locating towns, bounds of States, courses of rivers and mountain ranges. Memoriter work was not required. Then came Mitchell's Geography with its Atlas of highly colored maps, which made the contours of states and countries very distinct and conspicuous. Also map-drawing was introduced which did much to prepare the way for other artistic work with pen and pencil.

From 1845 to 1855 geography was generally taught in the Dedham schools by means of outline maps. Olney's, Mitchell's, and Pelton's were much in use. The latter had a key in which verse and rhyme were employed to fix names in the memory. With a rod the pupil pointed out towns, boundaries and natural divisions as he recited the verses, and was able of course to locate them easily in answer to questions. On one occasion a member of the town committee took the rod to test the pupil's knowledge by pointing out some places he knew himself. But in searching for them his rod accidentally dropped on towns, rivers and mountains, and the children shouted out their names with eager animation. This so confused the gentleman that he laid down the pointer saying, "You know so much more about the map than I do, that I ought to be satisfied." An ingenious teacher could vary the map exercises in many ways, to interest the pupils and insure thoroughness.

The school of the Westfield District for two winters, 1846-7 and 1847-8, was well instructed by Elijah Carter Shattuck. He was the son of Stephen and Hannah (Carter) Shattuck, born in Marlborough, Mass., Aug. 27, 1820. Having pursued his preparatory studies in the Westfield District School and at Phillips Andover Academy, he entered Amherst College in 1846; but ill health obliged him to leave it a year later. He was married to Olive Colburn Wheeler in Berlin,

Sept. 28, 1848; and spent the next three years in Utica, New York. Returning to Berlin, he taught a school there the winter of 1852-3, and continued to reside there, engaged in building and manufacturing; also much occupied in town affairs, holding many important offices, acting as school committee many years, representing his district in the legislature of 1876, and being postmaster after 1895. He died in Berlin, June 8, 1899, leaving a widow; and of his four children, two daughters survive him.

In 1847 and 1848 Elizabeth Nichols Nye had charge of the summer grammar school in West Dedham. In the summer of 1850 she taught in the Second Middle; then in the First Middle, second division, till 1852. She was a very efficient teacher, strong in discipline, and thorough in instruction. She was the daughter of Bonum and Pamela (Abbott) Nye, born Nov. 18, 1824, in North Brookfield. Her education was received at a Young Ladies' Boarding School in West Brookfield, and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton. Before coming to Dedham she had taught schools in Paxton and New Braintree, and probably in other towns. Sept. 8, 1852, she was married in North Brookfield to Jonathan Chase, a native of Paxton, and went to reside at Manville, in the town of Lincoln, R. I., where she died March 16, 1875, leaving a husband, three daughters and one son.

From 1847 till 1850 the primary department of the First Middle School was under the instruction of Emily Adams Eveleth, a very earnest and attractive teacher. She was the daughter of Henry Prentiss and Rachel (Adams) Eveleth of West Roxbury, where she was educated. Her first work as a teacher was in Dover. She died at her home in West Roxbury, Oct. 8, 1850.

Though he taught the school but one winter, 1847-8, there is still a pleasant remembrance of David Atwood in West Dedham. His quiet, reasonable ways made his work very acceptable. He is the son of David C. and Abigail Atwood, of East-

ham, born April 20, 1821; and was educated at Holliston Academy, and the Bridgewater Normal School. From 1848 to 1853 he taught the Bunker Hill Grammar School, Charlestown. In July, 1848, he married in Lynn Lucy J. Bowler, who died in December, 1849: in June, 1851, married in Upton, Electa J. Stoddard, who died in June, 1870: in May, 1872, married Achsah L. Maynard, who died in February, 1884. In October, 1853, he became cashier of the Millbury Bank, but resigned in 1872: assisted in organizing the Millbury Savings Bank in 1854, became treasurer thereof, and held that office till November, 1897: also held the office of treasurer of the town of Millbury thirty years and is still a resident there.

In the summer of 1847 the Second Middle School was in charge of Harriet R. Talbot, the fifth of her family that gave instruction in the Dedham schools. She was a native of Sharon, the daughter of Josiah Jr. and Mary (Richards) Talbot, and received her education preparatory for teaching in some New England Academy where she was well equipped for her work. She was united in marriage to Augustus Forbes of West Newton, the place of her last residence.

The lower division of the Mill School for two years, 1847 and 1848, was taught by Almira French of Canton. She was the daughter of Thomas and Abigail Shepard French, born Jan. 3, 1830, and educated in the public and private schools of Canton and Roxbury. After leaving Dedham she taught in Roxbury and Dorchester from 1849 to 1857. She was a very acceptable teacher and is still pleasantly remembered by a large number of her pupils. She died in Canton, Sept. 27, 1861.

Miss A. H. Rice taught in West Dedham a part of the summer of 1847.

In November, 1847, Carlos Slafter took charge of the winter school of the Second Middle District, being then a member of the junior class of Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1849. The son of Sylvester and Mary (Johnson) Slafter, he was born in Thetford, Vermont, July 21, 1825, and

fitted for college at Thetford Academy. He began to teach in 1841 as master of a winter school in Fairlee, Vt. In Lyme, N. H., he taught the four succeeding winter terms; also one term of a private school in the autumn of 1849. In the winter of 1846-7 he was master of the Grammar School at Malden Centre. In Dedham he taught the Second Middle School four consecutive winters and the summer of 1851. In September, 1851, he took charge of the Framingham Academy and High School for a year: then returned to Dedham as master of the High School, which remained under his care forty years, 1852 to 1892. His work as a teacher extended through fifty-one years. Aug. 4, 1853, he married Rebecca Bullard of Dedham. In May, 1865, he was ordained deacon in Trinity Church, Boston, by Bishop Eastburn; and from Dec., 1867, till April, 1871, served as chaplain of the Norfolk County Jail and House of Correction. While teaching he found leisure for some literary work, preparing addresses for several public occasions and editing in 1889 a historical catalogue of his school for thirty-eight years. For over twelve years he was a constant contributor to the Dedham Historical Register, writing more than 200 pages for its columns. Since 1892 he has published several historical discourses; among them one read at the 250th anniversary of the Dedham schools; another for the seventy-fifth anniversary of Thetford Academy, Vt. In 1903 he edited a volume for the Prince Society, for which he wrote a Memoir of Sir Humfrey Gylberte in fifty pages. His residence is with his daughter at Rockford, Illinois; but at present, March, 1905, he is in Dedham devoting his time to the publication of this volume, in which he is learning much about book-making and still more about human nature.

Nabby Ann Marsh taught as master's assistant in the First Middle School in 1848. She was the daughter of Daniel and Fanny (Hersey) Marsh, born in Dedham, April 10, 1832. She left Dedham to fill a position in the Washington School of Roxbury, which she occupied one or two years, then became a

teacher in the Eliot School of Boston and continued there eight years with unusual success. She was married to Dr. McLaurin Furber Cook of Boston, Aug. 22, 1860, and died May, 1861.

About 1848, Caroline Baker Colburn taught the school at Walpole Corner. She was the daughter of Ellis and Celia (Baker) Colburn, born in 1827, and was united in marriage to Reuben P. Davis, of Waltham, May 9, 1849.

For a few months in 1848, Alfred Hewins was an assistant teacher in the First Middle School. The next four years he taught in the Washington, Roxbury; then for thirty-four years as usher, sub-master and master of the Boylston, Bowditch and Everett Schools of Boston. He is the son of Nathaniel A. and Hannah (Hersey) Hewins, born in Dedham and educated in her public schools. In 1859 he was married to Carrie E. Sparrell of Boston; in 1877 to Harriet C. Stone of Newburyport. Since Dec., 1886, he has been Treasurer of the Dedham Institution for Savings. For many years he was a member of the School Committee of Dedham; was the first President of the Public Library, 1871 to 1899; Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, three years; is also a Director of the Dedham National Bank, Institution for Savings, and the Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and for many years has been a member of the parish Committee of the First Church of Dedham. Such varied and acceptable services make commendation superfluous. Mr. Hewins has always resided in Dedham.

The Second Middle Summer School of 1848 had two teachers. Augusta W. Mulliken of Lexington, a graduate of the Normal School at West Newton, taught one month. The term was completed by her Normal classmate, Mary Elizabeth Cotton of Boston, the daughter of Solomon and Susan G. Cotton, and now (1898) living at 28 Shepard Street, Cambridge. These teachers graduated at the Framingham (then W. Newton) Normal School in May, 1847.

A part of the winter of 1848-9, and the entire winter of

1849-50, the Westfield School was in charge of Arthur Latham Perry, a student of Williams College which he had entered the summer before from the Academy in Thetford, Vt. He is the son of Rev. Baxter and Lydia (Gray) Perry of Lyme, N. H. He graduated in 1852; and, after teaching in Washington, D. C., one year and serving his Alma Mater as Tutor a year he was in 1854 appointed Professor of History and Political Economy in Williams College, which office he held in active service till 1891, and is still Professor Emeritus with a salary. He has written much on the subject of the Tariff, advocating the principles of Free Trade with great earnestness. His chief publications are three volumes on Political Economy and one on "Origins in Williamstown." Union College honored him with L.L. D. in 1874, and Doane College with D. D. in 1883. Dr. Perry was united in marriage to Mary Brown Smedley, August 7, 1856, in Williamstown, "her home and that of her ancestors since 1752": and "they have lived in the same house ever since that happy settlement" to the present year, 1905.

In the summer of 1848 Mrs. Sarah Piper (Stevens) Cram taught in the South District of the South Parish, and the next two summers had charge of the school at Walpole Corner. She was the daughter of William Lacy and Martha (Piper) Stevens of Rumney, New Hampshire; was educated at the Mt. Holyoke Seminary; and married at Rumney, October 9, 1842, Artemas Brooks Cram, who died in 1845. By a second marriage Nov. 6, 1851, she became the wife of John Elijah Bullard and resided in Medfield where she died October 19, 1885, having been a "patient, devoted wife, and a kind, loving mother."

Caroline Frances Guild had charge of the primary department of the Second Middle School two years, 1848 to 1850. She was the oldest daughter of Francis and Caroline Elizabeth (Covell) Guild, born in Dedham, Nov. 26, 1829. She was educated in the schools of her native town and in the private school of George B. Emerson of Boston; became assistant teacher of the Framingham High School in September, 1851,

where she continued till the summer of 1853. [She was united in marriage to Ebenezer P. Burgess, M. D. Nov. 30, 1853 in Dedham, where she resided till her decease, January 3, 1859. In a memorial volume of the Framingham School we read as follows: "Mrs. Burgess was characterized by great sincerity and simplicity of manner. In a quiet way she exercised a strong and good influence, especially over the girls that came under her instruction. Her relations with them were like those of an elder sister, and they gathered around her at recesses like the younger children of a great family."

In the winter of 1848-9, the West Dedham School was in charge of Sylvester Scott, as was also the Mill School from May 7, to Aug. 3, 1849. He was born in Ashland, New Hampshire, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Phillips) Scott, and graduated at the Westfield Normal School in 1846 or 7. He left Dedham in 1849 to become a teacher in that school, continuing there only one year. He married Lydia Noble Moseley of Westfield, and for a number of years they successfully conducted the Young Ladies' Institute, in Alexandria, Va. When the war broke out they suffered great loss; came to Boston and he taught in the school for physical training, in charge of Dr. Dio Lewis. At Dr. Lewis's death Mr. Scott became principal of the school. Owing to ill-health he removed to Beverly, and in search of health visited his old home in Ashland, N. H., where he died June 18, 1865. His widow died in Montana. A Westfield correspondent says: "Mr. Scott was a Christian gentleman and has many friends in this place."

Mary C. Goodnough taught the summer school of Readville, 1849, with an ability highly pleasing to the Committee.

Caroline Almeda Hartwell of South Natick instructed the Westfield School in the summer of 1849, having previously taught the school at Walpole Corner. She graduated from the State Normal School at West Newton in September 1846. She married E. Dix Fletcher of Lowell where she spent her last

days, her name being starred in the Normal School catalogue of 1889.

The East Street School was instructed in the winter of 1849-50 by Joshua Danforth Robinson, who graduated from Harvard College in 1851, and died in 1866. As a teacher he was highly commended in the school report.

Ellen McKendry was highly commended by the school committee as mistress of the North District of South Dedham in the summer of 1849.

So was also Almira Tucker as a teacher in the same school. She was the daughter of William and Lucy (French) Tucker, born in Canton, March 4, 1828, and was married to George Henry Wyman of Boston, April 10, 1860.

Christopher Columbus Langdell was master of the Clapboardtrees School during the winter of 1849-50. He is a native of New Hampshire, entered Harvard College in 1848, and left it in 1849 to become a teacher: but he graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1853 and practised law in New York City till 1870. That year he received the degree of A. B., as of the class of 1851, and was appointed Dean of the Harvard Law School. The LL.D. was conferred in 1875. He continued in the office of Dean till 1895, and won great distinction by reforming methods of legal study. His publications have been numerous and valuable. The improvements made by him at Harvard have been widely copied in the law schools of our own country, and his influence has been felt in the universities of Europe.

The North District of the South Parish had David Parsons Wilder as teacher in the winter of 1849-50. He graduated at Harvard, class of 1851; and from the Harvard Law School in 1855. He received the degree of A. M. in course, and according to the catalogue died in 1872. The school committee commended his work.

In the summer of 1849 and 1850, the Clapboardtrees School was in the care of Eliza Gardner, the daughter of James

and Mary Gardner of Canton, where she was born Nov. 23, 1828. Removing early to South Walpole, in the district school there she was fitted for the West Newton Normal School, from which she graduated in September, 1847. She taught schools in Walpole and Taunton. In 1854, May 24, she was united in marriage to Major Andrew Washburn, and immediately after the war went with him to Richmond, Va., where he organized the free school system of that city, in which work her former experience enabled her to participate both by actual instruction and helpful advice. Her present residence is in Hyde Park.

Lucetta Wood was mistress of the summer school in West Dedham in 1849, and was pronounced very successful by the Town Committee in their annual report.

The school at Walpole Corner had Augusta Morse as its teacher in the summer of 1849; she received high praise from the examining committee.

Cornelius Eliot Wood, master of the Clapboardtrees School, 1849-50, was the son of Martin and Abigail (Willard) Wood, of Littleton, born Dec. 1, 1827. He graduated at Harvard in 1850; A. M. 1871; LL. B. 1855. Married in 1862, and has since, or till 1893, resided in Westminster in the practice of his profession.

A little before 1850 Ann Elizabeth Bullard taught two summer schools in Dedham, the first in East Street, the second in Readville. She is the daughter of Charles and Eliza (Paul) Bullard, born and educated in Boston, where she resided a large part of her life. Recently she has lived in Danvers.

In the summer of 1849 Esther Clapp Hodges had charge of the Second Middle grammar school. She was the daughter of Spencer and Esther (Clapp) Hodges, born in Foxboro in 1816. Her education, besides in the schools of her native town, was in academies at Newton and Wrentham. Miss Hodges died in her native town Dec. 14, 1901.

Joseph Mason Everett was master of the East Street

School the winter term of 1849-50. He was born in Canton, Jan. 6, 1828, the son of Leonard and Irene (Mason) Everett, and was fitted for Harvard College at Phillips Andover Academy. He taught public schools in Canton and Bridgewater, and established a private school in Carrollton, La. He married first, Maria Louisa Price of Baltimore, Md.; secondly, Esther Maria French of Canton. He was the chairman of the school committee of Canton 25 years, and "was employed several years in superintending the schools." He was a deacon of the Unitarian Church, and was chosen to many offices in the social and benevolent organizations of his native town. During 30 years he represented the "Manhattan Life Insurance Co. of New York" as Boston Agent. He was active as a Freemason and was one of the founders of the Blue Hill Lodge. He died in Canton, April 2, 1886, leaving a widow and four children "to mourn his loss and cherish the rich legacy of his virtuous example."

Following Mr. Scott in 1849, Seymour Lafayette Meade became master of the West Dedham school for three years, closing his labors there in November, 1852. He then took charge of the Coffin School of Nantucket, where he remained about thirteen years. He is remembered as a large, plain man; intelligent, affable, honest, industrious, and thoroughly devoted to his school duties. Some leisure hours he devoted to writing for the press, and by this means exerted considerable influence on local politics. He was born in Lanesboro, March 31, 1824, the son of Seymour and Lucy (Mason) Mead; and besides the education afforded by his native town and Worthington, he received the course of instruction then given in the Westfield Normal School. The last three years of his life were spent in Blissfield, Michigan, where he died unmarried, August, 1868.

Beginning in September, 1849, Lynden Talcott Butler was master of the Mill School till Sept. 8, 1851. Intensely earnest and ambitious, he spared no pains to make his teaching excellent. After leaving Dedham he had charge of the East

School in Milton a year or more. His last work was in the Greylock Institute in South Williamstown. A near relative has written to me as follows: "He was troubled by a difficulty in hearing; and physicians thought the defect was caused by an enlargement of the tonsils, and he consented to a surgical operation which proved fatal. The lady to whom he was soon to be married placed at his grave a broken column as a monument to his memory." He was the son of Silas and Pamela (Talcott) Butler, born at South Williamstown, where he died 1853 or 4.

Something more than half the winter term of 1849-50, Albert W. Farnsworth taught the Westfield District School, taking the place of Mr. Perry who was ill. He was the son of William and Catherine (Haskell) Farnsworth, born in Dedham, and graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School, December 1, 1847. He taught schools in Webster and Bridgewater; but soon engaged in other business in Lynnfield, Portland, Me. and Orange; then for several years was employed in the Boylston Bank of Boston; and finally was teller in the National Bank of Malden. He was united in marriage to Emily E. Foster, at South Malden, now Everett, November 3, 1858; died in Malden, March 10, 1875.

For many years the name of John Nelson Stevens was connected with the schools of Dedham. He took charge of the Walpole Corner School in 1849, afterwards of the Everett School in South Dedham, still later the Avery and the Damon. Giving up teaching after an experience of over thirty years, he engaged in the dry goods trade at Readville, Hyde Park. He was the son of William Lacy and Martha (Piper) Stevens, born in Haverhill, N. H., June 22, 1816. Public and private schools of Rumney, N. H., and the New Hampton, N. H. Institute furnished his education; but a naturally clear and vigorous intellect gave character to his teaching which was always thorough and void of all pretence. He was united in marriage to Elvira Catherine Cram of Rumney, March 1, 1842.

shire, his present residence being in East Derry of the latter state.

Two summer schools in Clapboardtrees District, 1850 and 1851, were in charge of Helen Maria Boyden, the daughter of Rev. Luman and Mary (Dudley) Boyden, born in Millbury, Oct. 12, 1829. The towns of Sharon and Needham employed her as a teacher, and in 1853 she began her labors in the Boys' Graded School of Chelsea and continued there nearly fourteen years. In that town she was married to Thomas Warren Thayer, Oct. 21, 1869, and in 1900 resided in Cazenovia, N. Y. Mrs. Thayer has been able to indulge freely her love of travelling, and in 1889 visited the Paris Exposition and many of the cities of Europe; nor has she neglected the interesting localities of her own country. To adopt her own words: "There have been clouds as well as sunshine in my life; but I can say with the Psalmist, 'The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places.'"

The winter school at East Street, 1850-51, taught by Benjamin Payson Williams, was commended by the town committee. He graduated at Harvard the summer previous, received the degree of A. M. in course and died in 1856.

In 1850 the summer school of the Westfield district was in charge of Parthena Griggs Jones of Dover. She was the daughter of Hiram Walker and Inez (Griggs) Jones, born April 21, 1834. Her education was received at the Charlestown Female Seminary and at the Rhode Island Normal School under Dana P. Colburn. She taught in Lancaster and about eight years in the Boys' High School, Newport, R. I. In 1862 she was married to Charles E. Hammett of Newport, where she resided till her death in September, 1896.

In the winter of 1850-51 the lower department of the Second Middle School was in charge of Adeline Newell Griggs, the daughter of James and Abigail (Newell) Griggs, born in Dedham, January 13, 1833. She was married to Roland Ray-

mond in Dedham, November 6, 1855. She resides in Boston, Dorchester district.

Henry Augustus Little was master of the Westfield School the winter of 1850-51. He was a member of the class of 1853 in Amherst College, but did not graduate. I have found no clue to his later history.

The school on East Street, summer of 1851, was taught by Mary Smith Wilder, the daughter of Joseph Augustus and Mary (Smith) Wilder, born in Dedham, August 22, 1832. After attending the common schools of her town she spent a year at Pepperell Academy, and graduated at the Bridgewater Normal in March, 1850. She was married to John H. B. Thayer of Dedham, June 21, 1854. Since her husband's death in 1873 Mrs. Thayer has been a copyist for the Register of Deeds at Dedham.

Catherine Eleanor Tucker in the summer of 1850 taught in the South District, South Parish. She was the daughter of Nathan and Catherine (Tucker) Tucker, born in Milton, Jan. 23, 1827; graduated at the Bridgewater Normal School August 2, 1848. She taught school only two terms, resided in Milton, and died there April 19, 1886.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

In 1844 the school committee of Dedham recommended the establishment of a High School, as the statute of the Commonwealth required, and this advice was repeated from year to year. There was a strong desire for such a school, but the opposition to it was stronger. Finally, in 1850, William S. Damrell, of Readville, who a few years later was chosen a member of Congress, declared his intention to bring a suit against the town for failure to comply with the law if at the next town meeting it did not make an appropriation for such a school as the law required. This probably determined the action of the town, and on the 12th of May, 1851, the town "voted to instruct the Town's School Committee to hire a

building and teacher and establish a High School according to law." Also "voted that the sum of one thousand dollars be raised by tax for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a High School, to be expended by the Town's School Committee." Thus the controversy of years was settled, and the school was opened Monday, September 15, 1851, in Masonic Hall, Church Street, where it remained till September, 1854. It was then removed to the Town House on Bullard Street; and in December, 1855, found a permanent home in a new schoolhouse on Highland Street. This building was occupied by the school nearly twenty-two years. The present High School house began to be used October 3, 1887. For a more detailed account of the High School, the reader is referred to the Historical Catalogue of the School, published in 1889. But it may interest its friends to know that previous to 1893, it had fitted thirty young men and women for college, most of whom entered without conditions; and, with its present improved equipment, is able to increase its usefulness in that direction. In fact, since the school has been in operation, no parent has been "*compelled*" to send a son or daughter out of Dedham to prepare for college or scientific schools.

James Bradley Everett taught school in the south district of South Dedham, 1850-51. He was of Canton, the son of Abel and Thankful (Withington) Everett, and was educated at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., and at the Bridgewater Normal School, graduating in 1853. From 1851 to 1859 he was teaching in South Scituate, Sutton, Taunton, Hingham, Holmes Hole and Weston High School. In 1861 he received the degree of M. D. from Dartmouth College; and on Jan. 1, 1862, married Caroline Guild Newton of Grafton. He practised medicine in Falmouth ten years where he was most of the time a member of the school committee, also superintendent of schools. He is a Fellow of the Mass. Med. Society and trustee of the Public Library of the city of Everett where he resided and practised his profession in 1904.

The summer school in the Westfield district, 1851, and that at Walpole Corner, 1852 and 1853, were in charge of Mary Mehitable Smith, and her success in those schools secured her a place in the Mather Primary, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester, where she taught from November, 1853, until September, 1856. Her continued labors in this position would have been very acceptable; but on the 23d of October, 1856, she was married in West Dedham to Lucius Manlius Sargent Damrell. Since her husband's death Mrs. Damrell has resided mostly in West Dedham (now Westwood), and her knowledge of teachers has been very helpful to the author of this volume. She is the daughter of Timothy and Nabby (Colburn) Smith, was born in West Dedham, and educated in the good schools kept there fifty years ago, self-help being then greatly encouraged.

Two summers, 1851 and 1852, the South School of the South Parish was well instructed by Judith Sherman Hodges, the daughter of Sewall and Judith (Sherman) Hodges, born in Sharon, June 26, 1823. After the common school she attended the Friends' School in Providence, R. I., and was teacher in Sharon, Foxboro and Mansfield. Jan. 1, 1855, she was married to Asa Stone of Providence, and resided in that city till she died there, May 1, 1893.

One term of public and two of private primary school, 1851 and 1852, in West Dedham were taught acceptably by Jane Baker. She is the daughter of Aaron and Roxey (Whiting) Baker, born in West Dedham, Feb. 24, 1822. She said in 1898, "I have always lived in the same house in which I was born; am the last of the family living."

Beginning at Walpole Corner in the winter of 1851-2, Henry Chamberlain Rolfe continued to teach in Dedham, having charge of the East Street School till 1855, and of the Mill School from Sept., 1855, till April, 1856. He then left Dedham and taught in Dorchester and perhaps elsewhere, but finally engaged in trade and manufacturing. He is the son of Abiel and Eliza George (Dennett) Rolfe, born in Great Valley,

N. Y., Feb. 15, 1828. He fitted for college at New Hampton and Meredith Bridge, N. H., and studied a part of the course at Amherst College. At Townsend, November 23, 1856, he married Abby Frances Winchester. He was a member of the school committees in Townsend and Groton for several years; was president of the Norfolk County Teachers' Convention, and is now a resident of Concord, Massachusetts.

In the winter of 1851-2, the Westfield School was instructed by Charles Edward Briggs, who had entered Harvard in 1849 from the Boston Latin School. He was the son of Robert and Caroline (Morton) Briggs, born in Boston, April 6, 1833. He graduated in 1853 and received his medical degree in 1856; became assistant surgeon of the 24th Mass. Regiment Aug. 12, 1862, and surgeon of the 54th Mass. Volunteers Nov. 24, 1862; was mustered out Aug. 20, 1865. He settled in St. Louis, Mo., the same year, and in 1869 was united in marriage to Rebekah Whittaker of St. Louis. For many years Dr. Briggs was a member of Christ Church Cathedral Parish of St. Louis, and in 1869 was appointed a professor in the St. Louis College of Physicians; later was connected with other institutions as lecturer and physician. He died June 17, 1894, at the Mass. General Hospital, leaving a widow, one daughter and three sons.

Through the autumn of 1851 the Second Middle School was under the care of Wentworth Sanborn Butler, the son of Hon. Josiah and Hannah (Jenness) Butler, born in Deerfield, N. H., Sept. 30, 1826. He graduated at Dartmouth in 1848, studied divinity at Bangor Theological Seminary, also at Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. For many years, and up to 1898, he was a librarian, living at 67 University Place, New York City.

Albert J. Ingalls was master of the Second Middle School in the winter of 1851-2. He had been for a year or two a member of Dartmouth College, but he did not graduate. Later he was in business in Fitchburg, but finally died as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Socially he was very entertaining,

abounding in wit and humor which often relieved the monotony of school routine. Visitors often found amusement as well as instruction in his work, his queer remarks sometimes undermining the firmest resolve to be sedate.

Joseph Rutter Draper was in charge of the Readville School one winter, 1851-2; and of the Second Middle from April to November, 1852. His work was highly commended by the School Committee. After leaving Dedham Mr. Draper taught High Schools in Saxonville and Milford. He was the son of Ira and Eunice (Rutter) Draper, born in Wayland, July, 1830; studied at Lawrence Academy, Groton, and graduated at Williams College in 1851; in November, 1856, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Fuller of Dedham; received the degree of M. D. from the Berkshire Medical School in 1863; then enlisted and served three years as a surgeon in the army. At the close of the war he settled at South Boston and remained there with an increasing practice until it was terminated by his death, August 5, 1885.


The Primary Department of the Centre School in 1852 was in charge of Emily Lovering Wilson. She is the daughter of Reuben Sumner and Lucia Narcissa (Mann) Wilson of Dedham, and was married to Ralph William Tucker, Oct. 9, 1862, in Dedham, where she has since resided.

In the winter of 1852-3 the school at Readville was in charge of Nathan Henry Chamberlain, a senior of Harvard College. He is a native of Sandwich, the son of Artemas White and Lydia Smith (Ellis) Chamberlain. In 1855 he married Hannah S. Tewksbury of Boston; in 1870 Mariotta Cleveland Hyde of New York. As a Unitarian minister, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain was settled in Canton, Mass., and Baltimore, Md.; as an Episcopal, in Birmingham, Conn., New York City, Milwaukee, Wis., Somerville and East Boston. He engaged in literary pursuits, and in 1900 resided in Bourne, Mass.

Erastus Worthington was paid fifty dollars for teaching one month as the assistant of Mr. Capen in the High School

just prior to the examination in the spring of 1852. This was his only experience as a teacher. He was the son of Erastus and Sarah (Ellis) Worthington, born in Dedham, Nov. 25, 1828; fitted at Attleborough Academy for Brown University, which he entered in 1846, graduating in 1850; read law with his brother Ellis in Milwaukee, Wis., and with Judge Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham, and received LL.B. at the Cambridge Law School, in 1853. For a time he was the law partner of Hon. David A. Simmons of Roxbury; from 1856 to 1858 was register of the Court of Insolvency; then Trial Justice of Norfolk County till January, 1867, when he entered upon his duties as Clerk of Courts for Norfolk County; this office he filled for thirty years. He also performed during that time much efficient work for his town and his parish: his voice and his pen were always at their service. He was married Nov. 25, 1861, to Elizabeth Foster Briggs, and resided in Dedham for many years on School Street, and later on Chestnut Street, where he died January 20, 1898.

One year from April, 1852, Ellen Harod Crehore was an assistant teacher in the Mill School; then was two years a primary teacher in the First Middle; next taught several months in Canton, 1858; after this, from 1858 to 1867, was employed in the Maverick and Mather schools of Dorchester; then taught a year in Miss Hodges' private school; finally, from 1872 to 1874, she did her last work as a teacher of children at the Avery School, and in the same room where she began to teach in 1852. In September, 1874, she became a member of the School Committee of Dedham, and as such served the town over six years. For more than ten years she was active in charitable work in the Industrial Union and Associated Charities, earning and receiving the deep gratitude of many. It is just to say that in all these fields her work has been duly appreciated by the residents of Dedham. She is the daughter of Jeremiah and Joanna (Dunbar) Crehore, born in Milton, July 1, 1835, and was a member of the first class



entering the Dedham High School in 1851. She now resides at Canton Junction.

Augusta Crehore, sister of the foregoing, taught a private school in East Dedham about a year and a half, beginning in April, 1856. She is also a native of Milton, attended the Dedham High School, and afterwards Mrs. Benjamin Kent's School in Roxbury. Her present residence is at Canton Junction.

In 1852 the school in Mill Village came under the instruction of Charles Addison Richardson, who had previously taught in Montague over two years and a winter term in South Malden. He was the son of Elisha and Harriet (Blake) Richardson of Franklin, born October 9, 1829. He attended the Franklin High School, Holliston Academy, Bridgewater and Westfield Normal Schools, and was also under the private instruction of the Rev. David Sanford of Medway. He married Mary Jane Phipps of Westfield, May 3, 1852. Leaving the Mill School in 1854, he was in the book trade with John P. Jewett two years; and on Jan. 2, 1856, entered the office of the *Congregationalist* as proprietor of one-fourth of the paper and managing editor. His success as a teacher was remarkable; and the prosperity of the *Congregationalist* while under his direction is ample proof of his editorial ability. He died Jan. 18, 1891.

Marie Louise Lathrop was the first lady assistant of the Dedham High School, holding that position from 1853 to 1857. She was the daughter of the Rev. John Pierce and Maria Margaretta (Long) Lathrop, born in New York City, and educated at Linden Hall, Bordentown, N. J., and at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J. Before teaching in Dedham she taught the modern languages in the Rev. Geo. D. Wild's School, Boston; she left Dedham to teach the modern languages in the Union School, Schenectady, N. Y., and continued there till her marriage, Sept. 1, 1864, to Hiram De Witt Hall. She resided some years in Elyria, Ohio; later near Des Moines, Iowa,

where she died March 3, 1898. As a teacher Mrs. Hall was an enthusiast and communicated her zeal to all her pupils.

Beginning at Readville April 9, 1853, Martha Maria Davis taught there and in the Avery School till 1884, with the exception of a year in Franklin and a year and a half in Canton. She was the daughter of Francis and Betsey Converse Davis, born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York, and was educated in the public schools of her native town. Teaching was her life-work, and in it she was most faithful and successful. For many years she made her home with her uncle, D. L. Davis, at Readville, where she died June 23, 1898.

Cephas Brigham was a teacher about seventeen years; in Montague, 1851 to 1853; in West Dedham, 1853 to 1861; and in Newton, 1861 to 1868. He then applied himself to the study of law and was admitted to the Bar about 1870. According to the testimony of a friend, "he was a very successful lawyer with a constantly increasing practice until he received a fatal paralytic shock in 1887." He married Lucy E. Graves in North Leverett, May 12, 1846. In Westwood he is still regarded by many as the ideal schoolmaster.

Holmes Richard Pettie had charge of the school in the South District of South Dedham in the winter of 1854-5. He was the son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Hall) Pettie of Frances-town, N. H., born Oct. 13, 1831; was educated at the Academy of that town and had there his first experience in teaching. In 1857, Oct. 31, he married Frances B. Adams in New Boston, N. H.; resided chiefly in Manchester, N. H., where he was a grain merchant twenty-five years. He was a representative in the N. H. State Legislature, and died in Manchester, Feb. 21, 1892.

Mary Ann Bullard taught the primary class of the Mill School in 1853 and 1854. She afterwards had charge of a private school in Dedham Village; and in 1858 of the summer school at Readville. But she then yielded to the claims of her home and kindred and devoted many years to the care of her

aged parents and invalid sister and brother ; all whom she carefully attended through the days of their decline and dissolution. She is the daughter of William and Rebecca (Daggett) Bullard, born in Dedham, and now resides at the family homestead, corner of Milton and Readville Streets, Hyde Park.

The second department of the Mill Village School for ten months in 1855 was in charge of Louisa Content Richards, who had taught a year before coming to Dedham and continued teaching eleven years after leaving it. She is the daughter of Lysander and Content (Clapp) Richards of Quincy, and is now a resident of Washington, D. C., where she has been a clerk in the Life Saving Service, Treasury Department, for twenty-three years. In 1902 her P. O. address was Washington, D. C., 1217 10th St., N. W.

Jane S. Small first taught in the Mill School as assistant of Miss Richards in the second grade in 1855 ; was soon after put in charge of a primary class and continued to teach in the school till 1868. A member of the School Committee says, "When sewing was introduced first into the Avery School and afterwards into others as an experiment, Miss Small was chosen special teacher of that branch and served acceptably till ill health obliged her to relinquish it." After a lingering and painful sickness her death occurred June 14, 1883. She was the daughter of Jonathan and Jane L. (Bain) Small, born in Dedham, November, 1835.

Garcelon De Fonteney, a native of France, educated at Charlemagne College, Paris, taught the French language in the High School one year from May 17, 1852. He did faithful work, but his knowledge of English was too limited to give his efforts their desired effect. It even afforded some amusement at times. One day his class returned from the recitation room in a very gleeful mood. In answer to my inquiries one of the pupils informed me that M. Fonteney, in trying to explain that the serpent was used as a symbol of eternity, declared that "they use snakes for cimbals in heaven."

In the winter of 1852-3 the school in the "Old Brick," South District, South Parish, was in charge of George Franklin Pettee of Francestown, N. H., the son of Abner and Polly (Dean) Pettee, born April 9, 1828. He was educated at the Francestown Academy, and before coming to Dedham, beginning at the age of seventeen, he had taught schools in Bennington, Francestown and Greenfield, N. H.; and in Northboro, Mass. After leaving Dedham he taught in Truro, Mass., and again in Francestown, being a teacher about twenty years. He married Margia L. Hardy, Feb. 14, 1861, in Francestown. His regular occupation of farmer and land surveyor has been varied by official duties to which his townsmen have frequently called him. He was chairman of the Board of Selectmen seven years; of the School Board, or Superintendent of Schools, twenty years; Representative to the General Court, 1885 and 1886.

The Westfield Winter School 1852-3 was taught by Phineas Allen, the son of Phineas and Ruth (Smith) Allen of Medfield, born October 15, 1801. While preparing for college he taught in Sherborn and Northboro, walking to Cambridge from Northboro, 30 miles to take examinations. After graduating at Harvard, in 1825, he taught in Lowell, Brookline, Concord, Walpole, Scituate and Provincetown, also in the Allen School at West Newton from 1860 to 1885, never missing but three days of school on account of sickness, until 76 years of age. Regularity, faithfulness and great modesty characterized this representative pedagogue of the old type, whose entire aim was to impart knowledge. Himself an excellent linguist, he taught seven languages. In 1828 he married Clarissa Fisk, and, dying in West Newton, May 25, 1885, left three sons and one daughter.

In November, 1852, Henry Holmes Babcock began to teach the Second Middle School. In the autumn of 1854 he resigned and engaged in a grammar school at Newton. In 1860 he was appointed principal of the High School in Somerville and held the position till 1867. Then he established a Girls' Academy

in Chicago, Ill., and remained Principal and Proprietor till 1880, when he became Associate Principal of the Atheneum Academy of the same city. He held this position till his last sickness in the autumn of 1881. He made a specialty of botany, and was professor of that branch in the Chicago College of Pharmacy. He was a member of the Chicago Literary Club; a Director of the Botanical Gardens; President of the Illinois State Microscopical Society; and at the time of his death was President of the Chicago Academy of Natural Sciences. He was born in Thetford, Vt., the son of Rev. Elisha Gulliver and Eliza (Hibbard) Babcock; was educated at Thetford Academy and Dartmouth College; married, July, 1861, Mary Porter Lincoln Keyes of Somerville; died in Chicago, Nov. 7, 1881. "Noble, kind, pure and eminent in scholarship, his loss is irreparable to his sisters," so writes the youngest of them.

Charles Gates taught the Mill School a year, resigning his position in 1852, and going to teach in New York City; at least it was so reported.

A Miss Hewins is mentioned with high commendation as teaching in South Dedham in 1852.

The same year, 1852, Miss E. T. Waterman taught the Readville School with like approval.

George Wight taught a good school in the Clapboardtrees district the winter of 1852-3. He was the son of Myron Wight, sometime resident in Mill Village: but the family soon removed to New York, and his later history has not been attainable.

Emily Orne Spencer was the assistant teacher of the High School one year from Sept., 1853, having previously taught in the public schools of So. Reading and a private school in Pepperell. Leaving Dedham she was connected with the Hancock School of Boston till her marriage in Lynnfield, July 19, 1869, to Datus Whitaker Harris, and then went to reside at Birnam Wood, Arkansas. The last mail that was sent north at the opening of the Civil War brought the news of her death

which occurred Aug. 3, 1861. She was the daughter of Judge Amasa and Sophia B. (Parker) Spencer, born Sept. 22, 1831, in McDonough, Henry Co., Georgia, and was highly educated in the schools of Salem, Mass.

Sarah Ann Ellis taught in the South District of South Dedham two summer terms, 1853 and 1854. The School Committee say, "Miss Ellis devoted herself to her work, and her work became her commendation." She is said to have married Ellis Guild of South Dedham. Their present residence has not been ascertained.

Jeffrey Abijah Holmes taught the Second Middle School, 1853-4, having previously taught two years: also taught several terms after leaving Dedham. He is the son of Hiram and Sarah R. Holmes, born in Shelburne, and there educated in the public schools and at the East Hampton Seminary; was married Aug. 31, 1865, in Haydenville. He engaged in trade, and while residing in Clarksburg served several terms as School Committee, and in 1904 was a resident of North Adams.

Mr. ——— Dogget taught the school at Walpole Corner the winter of 1852-3. He is said to have married Mary A. White of Walpole and to be now residing in the West. Careful inquiries have resulted in no more definite information.

From 1854 to 1856 the third division of the First Middle School was in charge of Abby Frances Winchester. She is the daughter of Henry and Abigail (McIntosh) Winchester, born in Lunenburg, Jan. 1, 1834; attended West Townsend Female Seminary, and New Ipswich, N. H., Appleton Academy; was married to Henry C. Rolfe of Dorchester in Townsend, Nov. 23, 1856, and resides in Concord; has been president of the Middlesex County Women's Christian Temperance Union ever since its organization twenty years ago, and was in 1899 Supt. of Mothers' Dept. in the Mass. State Women's Christian Temperance Union, consequently spending much of her strength and time in charitable works.

Anna Coverly Winchester, a sister of the foregoing, was a

teacher in the Mill Village School two years, 1854 and 1855. She was born in Lunenburg, educated in West Townsend Female Seminary and the Westfield Normal School, and began to teach in Townsend. In 1856, June 22, she was married to Newton Calvin Boutelle, and resided in Townsend, where she died August 18, 1862.

For about three years, between 1852 and 1856, the Second Division of the First Middle School was instructed by Cornelia Shorey Guild. She was the daughter of Francis and Caroline E. (Covell) Guild, born in Dedham Nov. 26, 1834. She attended Mr. Capen's Private School several years, and after teaching about two years studied a year at the Wheaton Ladies' Seminary in Norton. On Dec. 11, 1856, she was united in marriage to Frederic Augustus Taft in Dedham, where she resided till her decease, June 22, 1899, leaving her husband, three daughters and a son to mourn her loss.

After a course of study in the High School in which her work was thorough and such studies were chosen as would prepare her for teaching, Sarah Rebecca Bonney took charge of the Walpole Corner School in May, 1855. In March, 1856, she began to teach in the Centre School and was employed there till October, 1864. She then entered the Comins School in Roxbury, where she remained till 1871. Then she was transferred to the Sherwin School of Boston and taught there till 1885, when she entered the Hyde School, and with the exception of two years taught till February, 1899. She is the daughter of Daniel and Cordelia C. E. (Coney) Bonney of Dedham, where she was born and educated. In 1887 she was married to Dr. Horace Wentworth of Boston, but about two years later returned to teaching. Beginning her educational work at the age of eighteen, Mrs. Wentworth has devoted to it more than forty years of her life. She resides in Boston.

In the summer of 1855 Harriet E. Read was mistress of the South School of South Dedham. In want of other in-

formation it is pleasant to say that her work was satisfactory to both parents and committee.

In the autumn of 1854 Helen Elvira Pullen began to teach in the South Dedham School, second department. She was only 18 years of age, the daughter of Sumner Born and Elvira (Whiting) Pullen, born in East Winthrop, Me., and had been carefully educated in the private schools of Waterville and Gardiner, Me., and by private tutors. She died at the age of twenty years, "the seventh week of the spring term," June 7, 1855. Says a correspondent, "She was very dear to her pupils, and to this day, after a lapse of 50 years, they recall her to mind with great love and respect."

Juliette Dickerman was mistress of the East Street School in 1855. By one of her pupils we are told that she was a good teacher, a resident of Stoughton, married and removed to some Western State.

Caroline K. Nickerson began to teach in Dedham as mistress of the Clapboardtrees School in 1852; also had charge of it in 1855. In 1856 she was employed in the Mill School as teacher of the second class and continued there till October, 1857, when she went to Dorchester, teaching there about three years; then to Roxbury, and has taught in the same school to the present time, 1904. She is the daughter of Luther and Esther Nickerson of Orleans, Mass.

A Miss Nash taught very acceptably in East Street in 1852. Would that the record could be completed.

About two years, 1853 to 1855, Adeline Stockbridge had efficient charge of the primary department of the South Dedham School. She was born in East Randolph, Dec. 28, 1823, the daughter of Nehemiah B. and Ruth (Porter) Stockbridge. After attending the Charlestown Female Seminary she graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School, August 4, 1852. She first taught a school in North Bridgewater. She left Dedham in 1855 to teach the primary school on East Street, Boston,

where she labored 16 years, and was teaching on the day of her death, Jan. 27, 1871, thus completing a most useful life.

In the winter of 1853-4 Eliza G. Loring had charge of the primary school in the Second Middle District. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Eliza Ann (Fales) Loring, born in Dorchester in 1834. She attended the West Newton Normal School one year. Nov. 6, 1854, she married Albion Benson of Sumner, Maine, and is now a resident of East Bridgewater.

Joseph Warren Pickering Carter from November, 1854, to March, 1855, had charge of the Second Middle School. He is the son of Benjamin and Hannah (Pickering) Carter of Portsmouth, N. H., born Sept. 27, 1828; graduated at Dartmouth College 1849; studied at Andover Theological Seminary two years; taught schools in Winchester, Mass., Portsmouth, N. H., and Portland, Me., five years in all; then went into mercantile business in Portsmouth. He married Mrs. Harriet Dwight (Edson) Simpson Jan. 21, 1864. His places of residence have been numerous; he was at Los Angeles, California, in 1898, and is supposed to be still resident there.

About two years, 1855-7, Abby F. Crocker had charge of the second department of the First Middle School. She was the daughter of Amos H. and Irene M. Crocker of West Dedham, born August 9, 1835. She was a student of the Dedham High School and the Rhode Island Normal. After leaving Dedham she was for many years master's assistant in the Bunker Hill School, Charlestown, so that she taught 25 years in the schools of Massachusetts. In 1871, Dec. 7, she was married to George S. Smith of Malden, where she resided till her death in 1899.

Maria Fisher Phillips had charge of the Westfield School four summers, 1855-6-7, and 1861, and the town committee often commended her work. She is the daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Fisher) Phillips, born in Dedham, Feb. 6, 1835, and belonged to the class of 1852 of the High School. As a

devoted daughter she was the comfort of her aged parents in their declining years and still made Dedham her home in 1904.

In the autumn of 1855 Lucy Ann Brown had charge of the Second Division of the Mill School. The committee would have gladly returned her as a teacher, but her preference was for a different pursuit; and the ladies of Dedham who were dependent upon her taste and skill for becoming attire would have objected seriously to the loss of her services. She is the daughter of Dr. John and Amelia (Bartholomew) Brown, born in Thetford, Vt., March, 1823. She came to Dedham in 1839, and still made it her home in 1904.

For the winter of 1855-6 the school at Walpole Corner was in charge of S. E. D. Currier. In December, 1851, he graduated as from Methuen at the Bridgewater Normal School, but is said to have taught only this one term. He studied law and in 1897 was in the practice of his profession at 23 Court Street, Boston.

William Wallace Colburn was master of the South District South Parish, during the winter of 1856-7. He was the son of Leonard and Mary Todd (Livingston) Colburn, born in New Boston, N. H., Oct. 1, 1832; fitted for college at Francestown and Mount Vernon Academies, N. H.; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1861; taught in Lawrence Academy, Groton, 1861; in Belmont, 1862; was principal of the High School, Manchester, N. H., 1862-74; Springfield, Mass., 1874 to 1890; married Mary Elizabeth Parker of Manchester, N. H., July 13, 1865; died at Springfield, Oct. 17, 1899. He was an influential member of societies for mental and social improvement in Manchester and Springfield.

Elbridge Parker Boyden was master of the Clapboardtrees School in the winter of 1856-7. He has taught in Wrentham, Waltham, North Easton, Millbury, Bridgewater, South Walpole and Foxboro. Born in South Walpole Oct. 22, 1833, the son of James and Lucy (Clapp) Boyden, he was educated at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., and at the Bridge-

water Normal School, and married Mary Elizabeth Boyden of Walpole June 3, 1860. He was a member of Co. D, 43d Regiment, Mass. Vol. M., going to the war from Dedham. Residing in S. Walpole, he has held various town offices there, his business farming.

In the summer of 1856 Mary Elizabeth Boyden was mistress of the Clapboardtrees School till the 18th of July, when failing health obliged her to resign; and she never resumed teaching. Previously she had taught in South Walpole. She is the daughter of Harvey and Esther (Milliken) Boyden of Walpole, where she was educated and married to Elbridge Parker Boyden as stated above. She resided in South Walpole, November 21, 1904.

During 1855 Nancy Maria Chamberlain was a teacher in the South Dedham School where she had been educated, chiefly under Mr. J. Nelson Stevens; and after teaching one term in 1856 she attended a private school in Lawrence. She is the daughter of Isaac Ellis and Nancy (Morse) Chamberlain, born in Hillsboro, N. H., July 5, 1838. After her school in Lawrence she made a home for her father and brother till she married John B. Page, Feb. 2, 1875, in Norwood, where she now resides at 397 Washington Street.

The East Street School was thoroughly instructed by Frank Howard Shorey two winters, 1855-6 and 1856-7. He was the son of John and Cornelia (Guild) Shorey, born in Boston Nov. 2, 1837. He prepared for college at the Dedham High School; spent two years at Dartmouth, and then two at Harvard College, graduating in 1858; and was admitted to the Suffolk Co. Bar in 1859. His constitution was not able to bear the tax which his love of study laid upon it, and his health failed soon after he entered his profession. He died in Dedham, January 24, 1862.

In the spring of 1856 Frances Ellen Griggs took charge of the Readville School for a term of four months; in October of the same year she began to teach the second class of the

South Dedham School, continuing there till July, 1859. She had previously taught the Walpole Plains School from the spring of 1855 till September; then the Strawberry Hill School in Dover a winter term of four months, November to March. She is the daughter of James and Abigail (Newell) Griggs, born in Dedham Dec. 8, 1836; attended the High School over three years, where her accurate scholarship was duly recognized; and at a later date received the first prize in a public competition as the best speller in Dedham. March 7, 1860, she was married to David Neal in Dedham, and now, after spending many years in her native town, resides in Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Harriet (Wales) Fletcher taught in the South Dedham School from 1856 to 1858. She is the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Kemp) Wales of Orford, N. H., born Dec. 30, 1827, and educated in the public schools of Orford and at the Academy in Bradford, Vt. In 1858, July 4, she was married in West Dedham to Charles E. Morse. After his death in Dec., 1859, she "cared for his two sons until they completed their college course; then in the Spring of 1874 opened a private school in Norwood and has taught continuously until the present time," 1902, her P. O. address being 880 Washington Street, Norwood.

Sarah Jane Alden began to teach in the Centre School in 1857, having charge of the fourth class for a year, then of the second class for a year or more. She was the youngest daughter of Francis and Sarah Stone (Crehore) Alden, born in Dedham March 17, 1833. Relinquishing her work on account of failing health, she was released from her sufferings, borne with lovely patience, December 31, 1861.

Beginning in June, 1857, Laretta Wheaton Guild had charge of the fifth class of the Centre School nearly four years; then for a year or two she was able to teach only a few days or weeks occasionally as a substitute. From 1862 to 1864 she was constantly employed. In 1868 she taught in the Avery

and then returned to the Ames and taught till 1870, when she was obliged to relinquish school work altogether. She is the daughter of Dea. Calvin and Margaret (Taft) Guild, born in Hookset, N. H. ; attended the High School nearly four years, also a short term at Wheaton Ladies' Seminary, and still resides in Dedham.

The winter of 1857-8 Charles Whiting Carroll was master of the Westfield School; the succeeding winter of a school in Lisbon, N. H. He was the son of Sanford and Harriet (Whiting) Carroll, born in Dedham, May 31, 1836. He attended the High School four years; graduated at Dartmouth College 1859; was admitted to the bar, 1861; and married Lucy A. Farwell of Foxboro, July 30, 1861. He was commissioned First Lieutenant of Co. F, 18th Reg. Mass. Vols., July 26, 1861; promoted Captain Oct. 29, 1861; participated in the siege of Yorktown, the Peninsular Campaign, and the second battle of Bull Run. In this battle, Aug. 30, 1862, he was mortally wounded, and died on the field three days later. In honor of him the Army Post in Dedham bears his name. *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*

The winter school at Walpole Corner, 1856-7, if we may credit the Town Committee, was "thoroughly instructed" by John James Dana, the son of William De Wolfe and Mary (Green) Dana of Perry, Me. He graduated at the Bridgewater Normal School Dec. 3, 1851; taught in Weston, 1854; South Scituate, 1855; Robinson, Me., 1861 and 1862; and in Boone Co., Iowa, 1870-71. He married Sarah Elizabeth Warren of Weston April 11, 1858; Mary Sophronia Gates of South Robinson, Me., Jan. 29, 1891. He is a farmer in Union Township, Boone Co., Iowa, where he has served as Township Trustee, Assessor, School Director and District Treasurer. Post Office address, Perry, Iowa.

In the South Dedham School Harriet Allen was a teacher in 1856 and continued her work there till Feb. 9, 1857. She was the daughter of Louis and Achsa (Fisher) Allen, born in

Walpole July 25, 1838 ; was educated in her native town and in Springfield, and taught school for a season in Sharon. She died in Walpole, Oct. 19, 1859, in her twenty-second year.

In 1856-7 Hiram A. Oakman taught a year in the north district of the South Parish. He graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School in 1845 as from Marshfield ; is said to have taught six years and was a clerk in the Boston Custom House in 1876.

In 1856 Lucy Lee Fessenden began to teach in an ungraded school at Montague, Mass., hoping then to make teaching her life work ; but at the end of her first term she was called home by illness in her father's family and did not teach again till 1873 when she opened a private school in Dedham. She continued it twelve years, the patronage her school received being sufficient proof of its excellence. She is the daughter of the Rev. John and Nancy (Baker) Fessenden, born in Deerfield, and attended the Dedham High School four years, 1852-1856. She still occupies the family home on High Street, Dedham.

From 1856 to 1858 Lucy Ada Nye was in charge of the second class of the South Dedham School. She had previously taught in Keene, N. H. ; in North and South Abington, Mass ; and in 1853 and '54 in Virginia. She was the daughter of Apollos and Lucy (Kingsbury) Nye, born in Keene, N. H., Oct. 13, 1825 ; and was educated in the High School of her native town and Wheaton Ladies' Seminary, Norton, Mass. She died Sept. 14, 1858, at Walpole, Mass.

Harriet L. Fales had charge of the fourth class of the South Dedham School, 1856 to 1858. She is the daughter of David and Nancy L. Fales, born in Dorchester, Nov. 18, 1836, and married Charles E. Barrows, Oct. 5, 1862, in South Dedham. She resides in Dorchester, Mass.

The Clapboardtrees School enjoyed the instruction of Samuel Lankton Gerould in the winter of 1857-8. While a member of Dartmouth College he had taught two winter terms,

1854-6, in Marlboro; and from Sept. 1856 to March 1857, a high school in Stow. After graduation in 1858, and while a member of Union Theol. Sem., New York City, 1858 to 1860, he taught in a private French school. He is the son of the Rev. Moses and Cynthia (Locke) Gerould, born in New Alstead, N. H. July 11, 1834; married Lucy Abby Merriam of Mason Villiage, N. H., Sept. 20, 1860; became pastor of a Cong. Ch. in Stoddard, N. H., Oct. 2, 1861; obtained leave of absence for three years and became a sergeant in the 14th Reg. of N. H. Volunteers, Sept. 23, 1862; served as clerk in several courts martial, and left the service July 8, 1865. He is now a pastor in Hollis, N. H., having received the degree of D. D. in 1897 from his *alma mater*.

The primary class of the Centre School, 1857-8, was in the care of Caroline Augusta Howard. Later she taught private classes in drawing. She was the daughter of Sanford and Matilda W. Howard, born in Augusta, Maine, Jan. 12, 1837. Her education was chiefly in private schools of Albany, N. Y., and there she graduated from the State Normal School. During the Civil War she was connected with the Sanitary Commission in New York City, and while there often enjoyed the hospitality of the poet, William Cullen Bryant, who was a kinsman of both her father and mother. Her writings, both prose and poetry, received the poet's commendation and occasionally appeared in his paper, the "New York Evening Post." She was active in establishing the Lansing City Library, Mich. which was originally the property of the Ladies' Library Association. Her residence from 1865 was in Lansing where she was devoted to literary work; and at the time of her death, Jan. 12, 1873, she was a clerk in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A poem by her entitled "A Cheer for the Brave" may be found in a collection called "Lyrics of Loyalty."

In the winter of 1857-8 the East Street School was instructed by Benjamin Lovering Pease, a student from Dart-

mouth College, where he graduated in 1859. He was a native of Meredith, N. H., the son of Noah and Betsey Ann (Prescott) Pease, born Nov. 4, 1833. He taught schools in Laconia, Wolfborough and Conway, N. H., and read law with the Hon. D. M. Cristie of Dover, N. H. He was a business man as well as lawyer and died at Oak Park, Ill., April 9, 1890.

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Island. One of her Readville pupils testifies to her great thoroughness. She was the daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Ham) Folsom, born in Newmarket, N. H., Feb. 10, 1809; educated in its district schools, Lebanon (Me.) Academy, and the Smithfield Seminary, No. Scituate, R. I. The last years of her life she spent on the "old homestead" in Newmarket, dying there May 24, 1894.

George Newcomb was master of the First Middle School from 1857 to 1859 and of the Mill School from 1859 to 1864, having previously taught in Quincy twelve years and in North Chelsea, now Revere, four years. He was born in Quincy, Nov. 8, 1814, the son of James and Lucy (Baxter) Newcomb, and prepared himself to enter college in Braintree and Derby Academies. Ill health preventing a college course, he devoted himself to teaching, at the same time doing much good work in behalf of temperance and other reforms, and was always active in the cause of religion. In 1864 he went to teach the Freedmen in Beaufort, N. C., and was appointed a superintendent of Freedmen's Schools in the South. In March, 1865, eight days after the surrender of Charleston, S. C., he opened the first negro school in that city. In 1867 he was ordained elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Beaufort Circuit; and in 1870 was appointed Presiding Elder of the St. John's District, Florida. The same year President Grant, without solicitation, appointed him Collector of the Port of Beaufort; and while executing this office Elder Newcomb died of yellow fever, Oct. 12, 1871. He was united in marriage, Jan. 27, 1836, to Lucy Rand of Charlestown, Mass.; she, two daughters and a son were left to mourn the loss of one whose worth was widely known because his life was truly a series of benevolent efforts.

For two years and a half out of more than forty which he devoted to instruction, Oliver Francis Bryant served the town of Dedham; first a year in the Mill Village School from the spring of 1858; then in the First Middle a year and a half till

November, 1860. Having studied at Warren Academy in Woburn in 1848-9 and 1849-50, he taught winter schools in Wilmington; then studied a year in the Bridgewater Normal School; next taught two winter terms in Rockport; in March, 1852, began a year's work as principal of a boys' school in Wilmington, Delaware. In September, 1853, he entered Groton Academy for a year of study, and later spent two years in the "Teachers' Course" of Brown University. Being now suitably equipped, he gave the town of Canton two years of faithful service before coming to Dedham. In November, 1860, he joined the corps of Chauncy Hall teachers, and continued there till July, 1894, when he gave in his resignation. He had taught long and well. He is the son of Oliver and Sarah (Walton) Bryant, born in Stoneham, June 9, 1827; married Minerva Richardson of Woburn, Aug. 19, 1856; and has made Woburn his home since 1866.

Maria Amelia Brooks, from 1858 to 1861, had charge of the second division of the Mill School; from 1876 to 1890 she was a teacher in the Public School, No. 2, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, making in all seventeen years of approved teaching. She is the daughter of Lemuel Augustus and Eliza Brooks, born in Boston Feb. 19, 1838; was educated in Dedham, attending the High School two years. In 1861, May 20, she was married to John C. Baker, who died in 1874. Mrs. Baker now resides with two of her four sons in the city of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

During a part of the School year 1858-9 Abby Jane Ellis had charge of the fourth class of the South Dedham School. Later she taught in the Gridley School, South Canton, three years, 1862 to 1865; then again five years, 1872 to 1877; the Ponkapoag School two years, 1877-1879; and as assistant in the Canton High School one term, 1871. She was the daughter of William and Jane (Endicott) Ellis, born in Canton, April 1, 1841, and was educated at the Bridgewater Normal School. She was married to George H. Snow in Canton, Jan. 1, 1865;

was Librarian of Canton Public Library three years, 1879 to 1882, in which year she died on the ninth day of November.

Hannah M. Lealand was a teacher in the Centre School, 1858-9, of the primary division. She was the daughter of Charles and Caroline Lealand, born Dec. 10, 1838, in Dedham, where she died Oct. 26, 1861. She received a diploma at the High School for the three years' course, her scholarship being excellent.

From 1858 to 1863 Abbie Ellis Tisdale taught in the primary and intermediate grades of the South Dedham School. She is the daughter of Oileus Aurelius and Louisa (Harding) Tisdale, born in Walpole, April 1, 1840, and educated in the Walpole Corner and West Dedham Schools. Before teaching in this town she was employed one winter term, 1857-8, in the lower division of the North School of Medfield. She now resides in Worcester.

John Oliver Winslow Paine was master of the Readville School winter of 1858-9. He is the son of Abner and Comfort Paine, born in Charlestown, Maine, Jan. 16, 1838; educated in Corinth Academy, Me., Charlestown Academy and the Dedham High School, entering Dartmouth College in 1858. He studied law in Bangor, Me., where he taught school, 1860-61; also in Oldtown, 1863-4. He entered the U. S. army as 2d Lieut., Co. D, 14th Reg. Maine Vols., 1861, was promoted 1st. Lieut. 1862; resigned on account of disability, 1863; re-enlisted and was Capt. Co. E, 14th Reg. Maine Vols., 1865, and served till close of the war; was Provost Judge of the South District of Georgia, 1865; settled in Ottawa, Kas., 1867, and was Dist. Att'y. of Franklin County, Kas., two terms. He is now practising his profession in San Diego, Cal. Captain Paine married in 1869 Jane Price McKinley in Ottawa, Kansas; in 1886, Anna B. Crofts in San Diego, California.

From 1858 to 1865 Mrs. Anna Maria (McNeil) Ingalls was a teacher in the Grove School at East Dedham; later she taught in Germantown, Penn. She was of Scotch descent, the

daughter of Amy and Jesse McNeil, born in Easton, Penn., where she was carefully educated. In 1852 she was married there to John Henry Ingalls who died before she began to teach in Dedham. For many years she resided with a sister in Philadelphia where she died March 16, 1900. Her character as a teacher was often commended by the school authorities.

In 1858 Matilda Barker Lund was mistress of the Walpole Corner School; in 1859 she was a teacher in that of South Dedham. She is the daughter of William and Mary Isabella (Reynolds) Lund, born in Charlestown, Feb. 12, 1832, and was educated "at home, and in Bradford Academy, graduating in 1853." Since teaching in South Dedham she has resided in Boxford where she has made herself useful as manager of a book club; director and purchaser of books for the Public Library; and since 1894 as secretary of the Essex Co. Pomona Grange. Her P. O. address is West Boxford, Mass.

From 1858 till March 1860 Lucy Tisdale was mistress of the Clapboardtrees School, having previously taught in Mansfield and Attleboro; after leaving Dedham she taught several months in Stoughton. She is the daughter of Israel, Jr. and Elvira A. (Cutting) Tisdale, born in Stoughton, educated in its schools, at Pierce Academy, Middleboro, and by private instruction. She was married Jan. 1861, in Attleboro, to Charles Henry Crummett. When her children were small, for their benefit she taught for four years a private school in her own home. She now resides in Hyde Park, Mass.

In the winter of 1858-9 the Walpole Corner School was in charge of Edward Cowles who the winter previous had taught in the South District of Medfield. He is the son of George and Mary (Bradley) Cowles, born in Ryegate, Vt., and educated in the Caledonia, Vt., grammar school; Dartmouth College, A. B. 1859; A. M. in Course; M. D. 1863; L. L. D. 1890. He was assistant surgeon and captain in U. S. Army 1863 to 1872; Supt. and resident physician, Boston City Hospital, 1872-9; medical supt. of McLean Hospital 1879 to

January 1, 1904. He married Harriet M. Wainwright at Hanover, N. H., 1865; and on April 9, 1904, his address was Warren Chambers, Boston, Mass.

Sarah E. Fisher in the summer of 1858 had charge of the South School of South Dedham. In want of facts relating to Miss Fisher we quote from the report of the school committee as follows: "Under her kind, but firm, judicious and efficient management great advance has been made in point of order, studiousness and proficiency."

Lucy Anna Calder was a teacher in the Second Middle District many years; in the primary department from 1858 to 1872, in the grammar department, 1872 to 1878. She began teaching in Walpole at the age of 18; then taught several years in the Pierce School of Brookline. She was the daughter of James and Anna Holmes (Baker) Calder, born in Dedham, May 6, 1835, and was educated in the Second Middle School, and three years in the High School. After teaching faithfully and acceptably twenty-five years she bore patiently the years of weakness and decline, bidding a last adieu to the scenes of earth, Sept. 10, 1887.

From April 12, 1858, to January 1888, the fifth or sixth division of the First Middle and later Ames School, was in the care of Mary Farrington Hodges, the daughter of Charles and Mary Taylor (Farrington) Hodges. Born in Dedham and educated in the public schools of the town, no one could have been more devoted to the children of the village as they passed in thirty successive classes under her careful hand. As she always guarded her health by daily exercises in walking or rowing, her robust form and cheerful face during all these years were very familiar on the streets of Dedham and on the waters of Charles River. She died suddenly Jan. 7, 1888; and her friends and pupils claimed the privilege of erecting a stone to her memory in the old Village cemetery.

From the autumn of 1858 to that of 1867 Isadora Bonney taught acceptably in the Dedham schools: in the Westfield

District the winter of 1858-9 ; in the South District of South Parish, from the spring of 1859 to spring of 1860 ; then in the Centre School till the spring of 1867 ; then a term in the Everett School. In Sept. 1867, Miss Bonney entered the Mather School of Dorchester and taught there till March 1, 1869, after that was in the Comins School of Roxbury till Feb. 6, 1871 ; then was transferred to the New Sherwin and taught there till September, 1884, when she resigned her position and went to reside at a home she had purchased in North Duxbury a few years before. She was the daughter of Daniel and Cordelia Caroline (Coney) Bonney, born in Dedham, March 8, 1840, educated at the public schools, attending the High School five years. She married Samuel O. Whitmore of Plymouth, Sept. 12, 1885. He died January 1896 ; she died in Dedham, January 1905.

Harriet Everett Guild taught in the first Middle School 1859 to 1861 ; South Dedham, 1862 and 1863 ; Walpole Corner, 1863 ; and West Dedham, 1864 and 1865. She also taught a year in the Somerville High School. She is the daughter of Francis and Caroline Elizabeth (Covell) Guild, born in Dedham, Jan. 11, 1842, and received a diploma of three years at the High School. In 1883, July 12, she was united in marriage to William Kingsley Stockdale, and resided in Manchester, N. H. Mrs. Stockdale was Matron of the Massachusetts State Building at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, 1893.

From 1859 to 1861 Nettie Fossett taught the fourth class in the South Dedham School. Her work was commended ; but we regret to say that all other facts concerning her have eluded our search.

From March, 1859, to March, 1868, Elizabeth Parkman Porter taught the second division of the First Middle, or Ames School. She was the daughter of George and Emeline (Bancroft) Porter of Reading, and was educated in the public schools of Reading and at Warren Academy, Woburn, Mass. On the twenty-second of March 1869, she was married to John Laurie,

and now resides in Jacksonville, Illinois. Were it possible to produce an instrument that grows more efficient the longer it is used, it would resemble Mrs. Laurie's ability to teach. A nine years' trial revealed no defects.

Henrietta Caroline Cox after some experience as a teacher in Sharon and Walpole taught in South Dedham from 1859 to 1861. The daughter of George and Hannah (Drinkwater) Cox, she was born in Walpole and educated in its schools. She died there in May, 1861.

Albert H. Essex was master of the Readville School from the autumn of 1859 till he removed with his family to Newport, R. I., in the summer of 1860. His later history has not been learned.

John Eaton Whiting taught the East Street School one winter term, 1859-60, having in 1857-8 been master of the South School of Sharon. He is the son of Col. Eaton and Olive (Smith) Whiting of West Dedham, and was educated in the Clapboardtrees District School, Dedham High, and Harvard College, A. B., 1862. In 1885, Jan. 12, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Carleton (Paige) Pease in Buffalo, N. Y.; in 1873 he was president of the Dedham High School Association; in 1877 he published a volume giving occupancy of the Mercantile buildings of the city of Boston. The business life of Mr. Whiting has been devoted almost entirely to insurance, as Secretary, Inspector, Rating Clerk, or Manager. From 1865 to 1904, he has been connected with Companies in Charlestown, Mass., Boston, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and New York. Since 1901 he has, to the present, March 20, 1904, been Rating Clerk at the New York Fire Insurance Exchange, residing in New York City; his P. O. address, Mutual Life Building, 32 Nassau Street, New York.

Juliet Frances Sumner was a teacher in the South Dedham School about two years, 1859 to 1861, having previously taught in Foxboro, her birthplace. She is the daughter of Henry Harvey and Experience (Robinson) Sumner, born March 7,

1837; studied at Hopkinton Academy, and graduated at Wheaton Seminary in 1855. After leaving Dedham to care for an invalid mother she opened a private school in Foxboro and later taught again in the public schools there. In 1871 she commenced teaching in the Felton School, Cambridgeport, but resigned in 1874, and on May 14 of that year was married to Thomas Lewis and went to reside in Cambridgeport, for a while carrying on a private school there. In 1882 they returned to Foxboro, where she was soon elected to the school committee and served as their secretary for nine years.

Henry Hastings Kimball was master of the East Street School the winter of 1860-61. He is the son of Isaac and Lucinda (Tenny) Kimball of Temple, N. H., born Sept. 1, 1835, and was educated at Ipswich Appelon Academy and Dartmouth College, graduating A. B. in 1860. The part of his life devoted to teaching was divided as follows: A year in South Canton; a year and a half in Newton; and from Sept., 1863, to Nov., 1892, submaster in the Boylston, and master of the Lincoln School, Boston. He is now engaged in business and resides in Boston.

The West Dedham Primary School from 1860 to 1865 was well instructed by Annis C. Guild. She is the youngest daughter of Dea. Reuben and Olive (Morse) Guild, born in West Dedham April 14, 1842, and was educated in the West Dedham and High Schools, receiving a diploma for three years. In 1869, Feb. 10, she was united in marriage to Francis D. Hayward, and now resides in Worcester, Mass.

Sallie Bussey Cox in 1860 and 1861 taught in the South Dedham School. She was born in Walpole, the daughter of George and Hannah (Drinkwater) Cox, completed her education in the Walpole High School, and in 1866 died in Dorchester.

Charles E. Fisher was master of the Clapboardtrees School one winter, 1860-61. All other facts concerning him are wanting.

The West Dedham School was taught by Thatcher N. Snow from 1860 to 1862. He had been the principal of the High School at South Reading. Some high school studies were taught by him, and his work was commended by the Examining Committee. In 1894 he was a resident of Santa Barbara, California.

The winter school of Readville, 1860-1, was in charge of Samuel Hopkins Nichols, who had previously taught in Westminster. In 1862 he taught a high school in East Lexington; in 1863 was master of a school in South Canton. He was the son of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Burdett) Nichols, born in Wakefield, N. H., and educated in the public schools of his native town, the South Reading High, and the Westfield State Normal. In 1856 he married Elizabeth G. Stow of South Reading, who died in Dedham, 1858; in 1866 married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Dr. Brown Emerson of Salem, where he died July 9, 1883. The last twenty years of his life Mr. Nichols spent chiefly as an accountant in Boston.

In the winter of 1860-1 the school in Walpole Corner was in charge of James H. Stearns of whom I have no further knowledge.

In 1860, '61 and '62 the Clapboardtrees, and in 1863 the Walpole Corner School, was in charge of Nancy Caroline Baker. She is the daughter of Lusher Gay and Elizabeth Palmer (Sanford) Baker of West Dedham, and was educated in the schools of her native village and the city of Worcester. She resided in Westwood till her decease.

Elizabeth Norton Gardner in the summer of 1860 began to teach Dedham pupils in the Westfield School; then for a year ending in March 1863 she had charge of the South School of South Dedham; and in the summer of 1864 of the Readville School. Sharon and Canton schools received the benefit of her instruction; the Shurtleff School of Revere was two years under her care; in 1866 the fourth grammar school of Weymouth; and in 1870 a boys' division of the Bunker Hill School

of Charlestown was taught by her. Sometimes instead of teaching in the public schools she has instructed private classes in the German language. She is the daughter of William Norton and Elizabeth French (Adams) Gardner and a native of East Milton. From the public schools of Milton she continued her education in the Milton Academy, Bridgewater Normal School, Meadville Theological and Cambridge Divinity Schools; also taking private instruction in languages and vocal culture. Being interested in woman suffrage she was made vice-president of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association. By lectures and readings she has frequently aided charitable causes and literary enterprises. She resides in her native town, "devoted to home cares and occupations."

From June 1860 Henry Dame was the master of the Centre School about one year. He is the son of Ivory and Lydia Dame, born in Biddeford, Maine, Dec. 7, 1836; removed early to Saco, Me., where he fitted for college in the high school. While a student he taught in high schools and academies in Maine, to defray his expenses at Bowdoin College from which he graduated in 1857; and before coming to Dedham had been two years principal of a high school in Southbridge. He married Ellen S. Bacon at Southbridge, December, 1859. After leaving Dedham he was two and a half years master of the Nantucket High School, resigning that position to accept the charge of the Peabody High School which continued five years. Other engagements were: Principal of Plymouth High, one year; of Bangor, Maine, High, seven years; sub-master, Boston English High, one year; master of a Boys' Preparatory, Boston, several years; and of the Westfield High, one year. He then engaged in the insurance business about twelve years. For the last few years he has been a dealer in real estate and mining securities; and now, 1904, resides as for the last eighteen years at 16 Mellen street, Cambridge.

Martha Hale Nichols taught in the primary department of the Centre School from April 1860 to April 1862, later in

Bedford, Wakefield and Canton, Mass., in Charleston and Mattoon, Ill., and in the school for Freedmen, Vicksburg, Miss., 1865-66, where her work was highly commended. She was the daughter of the Rev. Samuel and Mary Burdett Nichols, born in Barrington, N. H., Sept. 1, 1840; and received a diploma for three years in the Dedham High School. She died in Dedham, Jan. 23, 1877.

Janette Bascom taught in South Dedham two years, 1861 to 1863, and her work in charge of the fourth class was commended.

In 1861 Sarah J. Colburn taught in the South Dedham School, filling a vacancy "to the satisfaction of the committee."

Soon after the Civil War broke out the military spirit invaded the schools of Dedham. The male teachers generally belonged to drill clubs or companies, and the boys of the high school for a year or two spent most of their recesses in the company drill, the master acting as captain so far as he was capable. The lower hall of the school house and the ample playground served as training fields. Some boys who afterwards did good service on real battlefields took their first lessons in this very elementary soldiering. But when the war ended military athletics in Dedham soon died out. Another result of the war was less invigorating to the teachers of Dedham. To enable the town to pay high bounties to volunteer soldiers, there was need of retrenchment somewhere. And though the currency was inflated, the prices of food and fuel nearly doubled, though cotton goods rose to a fourfold value, and all other laborers were receiving an increase of wages, the salaries of Dedham teachers were considerably reduced. We need not say that the return of peace was hailed by them with unfeigned delight. They had sacrificed enough for the public good to prove their patriotism; with little complaining they had waged war with all sorts of increased bills and expenses. They fully realized the truth uttered by one of the opulent town fathers whose son was then fitting for college in the high

school, and who said "the reduction of teachers' salaries will be a good lesson in economy." It was indeed so, but I am not aware that he was ever sincerely thanked for his suggestion.

Myra A. Beaumont was mistress of the East Street School in 1861, having previously taught in Canton, Foxboro and Walpole. She is the daughter of Alexander and May (Richer) Beaumont of Canton, and was educated in the public schools of her native town and the high school of Manchester, N. H. She was married to Thomas Jefferson Harris of Medford, in 1862: and in 1903 resided in the city of New York at 117 East 40th St., with her son Dr. Thomas J. Harris.

Frances Evelyn Cox taught in the South Dedham School from 1861 to 1868. She was born in Troy N. Y., the daughter of George and Hannah (Drinkwater) Cox; was educated in the South Dedham public schools, and in the Holliston and Bridgewater Adelpian Academies. She died in Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 21, 1891.

Abbie Talbot Crane taught very successfully in the Grove (now Avery) School from 1861 to 1864, and in the Ames from 1864 to 1882. She is the daughter of Ebenezer Paul and Sarah Stowe (Clarke) Crane, born in Dedham April 13, 1839; was educated in the Grove and Dedham High schools, attending the latter three years. She was married to George Francis Wight of Dedham, June 6, 1882. She resides in Dedham, at 213 Highland street, in the house built by her grandfather, Major Jacob Clarke, in 1798.

Susan Emeline Follansbee, in the summer of 1861, was mistress of the South District School of South Dedham. In 1862 she taught in Pittston, Me.; in Ponkapoag, Mass., 1863 or 4, and for a short time in the First District, Dedham Village, in 1864. She was the daughter of Capt. Alonzo Walter and Nancy Sherman (Mackintosh) Follansbee, born in Pittston, Me., April 28, 1842; received a diploma from the Dedham high school for three years in 1859; married Joseph

T. Roberts, Nov. 23, 1865, and resided in Charlestown, Mass., where she died Sept. 28, 1866.

Mrs. Clara Robie McCoy taught in the North District of South Dedham one term in 1861. She was the daughter of Col. Frederick W. A. and Lucinda (Goldthwait) Robie, born at Plymouth, N. H.: a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary; and taught one year at Waukegan, Ill., and two years at the Delaware Institute, Franklin, N. Y. Her first husband was Prof. Henry McCoy of the Delaware Institute; her second, William G. Scott of Richmond, Indiana. Mrs. Scott while on a journey abroad, died at Paris, April 1, 1902.

In 1861 a "high school grade" was established in the South Dedham School, and Martha Gilman Robie was the first teacher of the classical course, a position she held till 1866. She was a thorough teacher as proved by the pupils that came from her hands to continue their studies in the Dedham high school. She is the daughter of Col. Frederick W. O. and Lucinda (Goldthwait) Robie, born in Plymouth, N. H., and educated at the academy of her native town and the Delaware Literary Institute of Franklin, N. Y. In 1866, June 5, she was married to Francis Olney Winslow of Norwood where she has since resided. Her interest in education has been recognized by the town in asking for her services on the school committee for six years, during one of which she was chairman of the board.

In 1862 and 1863 Helen May Beaumont had charge of the East Street School, having previously taught in Foxboro; later she was a teacher in the Everett School of Boston. The daughter of Alexander and May (Richer) Beaumont, she was born at Great Falls, N. H., and educated in the Canton public schools. In 1867 she was married to Joseph Hubbard of Boston; she died in Roxbury March 14, 1883. "She was a successful teacher, a brilliant personality, a woman admired and beloved by a large circle of friends."

From January 20, 1862, to December, 1866 Martha Met-

calf taught in the South Dedham School having previous experience in the schools of Wrentham, Franklin and Walpole, and for a short time in the Perkins Institute for the Blind in South Boston. She is the daughter of Joseph Addison and Chloe F. A. Metcalf of Winthrop, Me., where she began her education, continuing it in Franklin, Mass., at a private school in Lowell, and an English and classical school in Walpole, of which Andrew Washburn was principal. She was married in Franklin, Feb. 13, 1867, to Melzar W. Allen of Walpole, where she has been a member of the school committee, and for the last nineteen years a trustee of the Public Library, and at the present time is secretary of the Board.

The private school of Rev. Calvin Stoughton Locke from 1862 to 1892 added greatly to the educational facilities of Dedham. Some of our best teachers were taught there. Mr. Locke had previously taught in Boxford, 1848, Gill, '49, Essex, '50 and '51, again in Boxford '52 '53 '54. He is the son of Amos Jewett and Clementine (Stoughton) Locke, born in Acworth, N. H.; educated in Kimball Union Academy, Plainfield, N. H., Williston Seminary, Amherst College and Harvard Divinity School. To these he humorously adds "the school of life in Dedham and Westwood." He was married June 6, 1855, in Northboro to Anne Lincoln; ordained in West Dedham Dec. 6, 1854; dismissed June 20, 1864; preached in Dover 1869 to 1880. Mr. Locke has visited Europe three times, once accompanied by his wife and daughter, and has travelled almost everywhere, avoiding only the snows of Scandinavia and Russia. He has also turned his steps southward, and has been usefully interested in the colored schools of Georgia and the improvement of their teachers. Between 1858 and 1884 Mr. Locke was a member of the Dedham School Committee twenty years; chairman, twelve years. In Westwood he has been chairman of the board since 1897 to the present, 1904.

Helen Mann Tucker from 1862 to 1870 was mistress of

the Fisher School, having previously taught in Raymond, N.H. She is the daughter of Bernard and Sally (Dudley) Tucker, born in Raymond, N. H., and educated in her native town, Brighton and Dedham, Mass. She was married in Worcester, Feb. 26, 1872, to John Eaton, Jr. of Dedham, and was a resident of Raymond, March 25, 1904.

Martha Gay Baker taught the Westfield School from April 1862 to July 1864. She was born in West Dedham, Sept. 11, 1843, the daughter of Lusher Gay and Elizabeth Palmer (Sanford) Baker; received a three years diploma at the Dedham High School; and was married to James Bradford Baker, Sept. 27, 1864. She died in Westwood, April 25, 1898.

Aspasia Priscilla Tubbs was a teacher in the Centre School in 1862, having previously, 1859-'60-'61, taught in Worcester. She was born in West Dedham, the daughter of Benjamin Holbrook and Aspasia Euphrosina Priscilla Tubbs, and educated in the West Dedham public schools and the Ladies' College at Worcester. She was married December 18, 1862, in West Dedham, to Charles Edward Draper, and in 1904 resided at 112 Bower Street, Roxbury.

John Folsom Patten, from April 1862, was master of the First Middle School two years. He has been a teacher of schools in Portsmouth and several other towns in New Hampshire; also in the academy at South Berwick, Me. He has also been engaged in various lines of business and manufacturing, residing for some years in Duluth, Minn. At present he resides in Lynn, Mass., and is a teacher in the Business College of that city. He is the son of Jesse and Lucinda (Evans) Patten, and was born in Auburn, N. H., May 24, 1831. He was educated at academies in Manchester and Tilton, N. H., and was married in Lynn, April 11, 1861, to Elizabeth Ellen Brimblecom. He is remembered in Dedham as a man of original ideas and a happy faculty in school discipline.

Roland Francis Alger was master of the South Dedham

School from 1863 to 1867. He had previously taught district schools in Rochester, W. Bridgewater, Bridgewater and S. Abington, 1858 to 1860; high school, North Middleboro, 1860-62; Titicut Academy, a select school in Canton, 1862-3; after leaving Dedham was master of the Edward Everett School of Dorchester, 1867 to 1875. He is the son of Stillman and Elvira (Alger) Alger, born in West Bridgewater, and educated in the Pierce Academy of Middleboro, and Brown University. He was married May 30, 1861, at North Middleboro, to Katharine L. Dunbar; in 1869 and 1870 was president of the Norfolk County Teachers' Association; and since 1876 has been a Baptist minister in Massachusetts and Vermont, and resided in 1904 at 36 Northern Avenue, Dorchester, Mass.

Florence A. Billings taught a division of the South Dedham School in 1863 and 1864, also in 1869 and 1870.

Two years, 1863 and 1864, Adelaide Elizabeth Winship of Medfield was mistress of the South School, South Parish; from 1866 to 1871 she taught in the north district of the same parish. She is the daughter of George Washington and Mary Elizabeth Winship of South Canton, and was educated at the Stoughtonham Institute of Sharon. She taught schools in North Sharon four or five terms and was the teacher of two schools in the town of Norfolk, remaining there about four years.

From Sept. 1863 till April, 1867 the first Middle or Ames School had for its master Horace Hamilton Carrier. His parents were Thomas Sargent and Betsey (Emery) Carrier of Amesbury where he was born in 1838. The Davis Academy of Amesbury and the Putnam Free School of Newburyport educated him for teaching. In Amesbury and Brighton he had his first experience. He gave up teaching to study law; began this work in the office of Judge Ely in Dedham and continued it in the Harvard Law School, graduating LL. B. in 1869. After this for several years he was associated with the firm of Hutchins and Wheeler of Boston. Later he practised his profession in Amesbury. In 1872 he married Anna Allen of

Chelsea, a niece of the late Charles Allen, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Massachusetts. He died in Amesbury, October, 1879. Other interesting facts of his life I omit, to give room for what the Poet Whittier, his intimate friend and admirer, was pleased to say of him at his funeral.

“In attempting to put into words my sense of the loss we have sustained from the death of Horace Hamilton Currier, I am sure I do but echo the general feeling of the community. As he is laid to rest under the beautiful sunshine of the season he loved so well, some expression of that feeling seems due to him and a necessary relief to us.

“He was born among us, and the story of his blameless boyhood, his eager thirst for knowledge, his industry, his studious habits, his loyalty to truth and duty, his honorable ambition overcoming great obstacles, his success and popularity as a teacher, are known to all and need not be dwelt upon. Here and everywhere he found friends, and he had no enemies. He entered upon his legal profession with a high ideal of Justice and Duty; and, in a few years, acquired the reputation of a sound and faithful advocate, of unquestioned ability and integrity. The great affliction of the death of his estimable wife, coming upon him after a year of anxious watching at her bedside, together with onerous labors in his profession, broke down his health, and compelled him to seek relief in change of air and rest. How bravely he bore up against the disease that was sapping his strength, his patience, cheerfulness, and constant desire to promote the happiness of all about him, many summer sojourners at the Isles of Shoals and among the New Hampshire hills will now freshly remember. They will not forget how under ‘God’s shaping chisel of pain,’ his moral and spiritual nature seemed to manifest a more perfect symmetry. His love of Nature was a marked characteristic; and he had an artist’s feeling for whatever was picturesque or beautiful, which seemed to increase with the decline of his bodily strength.

“The earthly chapter of his life has now closed. If he did

not reach the ideals of his noble aims, if the physical man failed and faltered under the strain of effort, who shall say that his life was an unsuccessful one? He had achieved character; he had ripened for immortality. He has left to his children a legacy richer than gold; to his friends a precious memory, and to all who knew him an example of the power of uprightness and the beauty of purity.

"For he to many among us gave
A reverence for the true and pure,
The perfect which has power to save
And make the doubting sure."

From 1863 to 1873 Ellen Bates was a faithful and effective teacher in the Ames School, having previously taught for a time in Hanson, Mass. She is the daughter of Eben and Betsey (Kenney) Bates of Yarmouth, Maine, in which town and in Bangor she was educated to be a teacher. Her residence is still in Dedham.

Charles Frederick Kimball began to teach in the West Dedham School April 1863, continuing there till April 1866 when he became master of the Mill Village School. In 1868 he was appointed an usher in the Rice School of Boston and became sub-master in 1877, and held this position till March, 1903. He is a native of Temple, N. H., son of Isaac and Lucinda (Tennéy) Kimball, born Dec. 3, 1830. His preparation for teaching was chiefly in the Francestown, Peterborough and Ipswich Appleton Academies. His first school was in New Boston, N. H., 1849-50; then a winter each in Milford, New Ipswich and Rindge, N. H., and in Townsend, Mass. Just previous to coming to Dedham, he taught in Mason, N. H., Fitchburg and Attleboro, Mass. August 5, 1859, he married at Temple, N. H., Juliet Augusta Stanley. He was school committee in Attleboro, 1863; in Dedham nine years from March, 1886. As a teacher Mr. Kimball was thorough, accurate and progressive, enjoying in a high degree the confidence of parents and affection of his pupils. He has resided in Dedham since 1863.

In the autumn of 1863, Sarah Annie Shorey was elected assistant teacher in the High School, having taught several months of the preceding year in the High School of Minneapolis, Minn. She continued her excellent work in Dedham till September, 1870, and since then has been constantly employed in the Girls' High School of Boston. Her proficiency in Chemistry, which she had studied at the Institute of Technology while still teaching in Dedham, made her an acceptable teacher of that study for several years; later she has been allowed to indulge her preference in teaching languages, history and English. She is the daughter of John and Cornelia (Guild) Shorey of Dedham; was educated in her native town, completing with great thoroughness the four years course of the high school, and now resides at 194 Park street, West Roxbury.

Adelina May was mistress of the East Street School 1863, 4 and 5, having previously taught in Fitchburg. After leaving Dedham she was for about sixteen years an acceptable teacher in the Comins School, Roxbury, leaving her position there to care for her invalid mother. She is the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Beaumont) May, born in Dedham and educated in the Grammar and High Schools of Fitchburg. For the last twenty-one years she has resided in Lynn, and at the present time lives at 37 Baltimore Street.

Miss S. A. Carpenter had charge of the third division of the South Dedham School two years, 1864 and 1865.

Almira Gardner Pierce was mistress of the Westfield School 1864-5; then for a few months of the Oak Hill School in Newton; later two terms in Holbrook; but since 1868 she has been the principal of the Wadsworth School of Milton. She is the daughter of Oliver and Mary Gardner Pierce of Dedham, where she was educated and received a diploma for four years at the Dedham High School. Her adopted daughter, Marion Lewis, is an assistant in her school. Her residence is

in Milton. A brief record of long and efficient service : who can measure its influence ?

In the winter of 1864-5 Mr. H. P. Parmelee was master of the Walpole Corner School.

The Summer School of 1864 in Walpole Corner was taught by Miss S. P. Dillingham, whose friends, as they peruse this record, will have to be content with " the fascination of a name " merely.

For two years, 1864 and 1865, Willard Francis Estey was master of the Mill, now Avery, School, having previously taught in the schools of Easton, Sharon, Canton and Milton. He was the son of Willard and Mary Randall Estey, born in North Easton, August 30, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of North Easton and Sharon, an academy in Walpole, and later at the Phillips Exeter Academy. At Stoughton, April 6, 1863, he married Jane E. Withington of Canton, and resided a short time in Canton and Milton, then in Dedham till the autumn of 1867, when he removed to Hyde Park. After teaching in Dedham he studied law in the offices of Ellis Ames of Canton and F. D. Ely of Dedham, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Mass. in 1866 ; and in 1870 in the U. S. Circuit Court at Boston. He was a member of the School Committee in Dedham and Hyde Park, and a trial justice for Norfolk County. In 1883 he removed to Lewiston, Maine, and died there May 18, 1903. " Circumstances forced Mr. Estey to earn his education ; and, to the day of his death, he continued to be a diligent student."

Abby Louise Baker began her long and effective work as a teacher in West Dedham January, 1865, having charge of the primary department. Then she taught the Endicott School the summer of 1869. Afterwards she taught in Melrose two years ; and since then has continued her labors in Roxbury in the Dearborn and Hugh O'Brien Schools, twenty years or more. She is the daughter of Francis Whiting and Lucinda Stowe Baker, of West Dedham, and now resides in Roxbury.

Abbie Louisa Wight Everett in 1865 began to teach in the Westfield district and was soon transferred to the Readville School and remained there some years after it became the Damon School of Hyde Park. Later she was the Master's assistant in the Everett School of Boston, Dorchester District. She is the daughter of Aaron Emmelius and Abby Lovell (Wight) Everett, born in Boston and educated in the Dedham schools, receiving a diploma for three years at the High School. In 1883, March 3, she was married to Frank Forrester Jaques and went to live in Chicago; later removed to Kansas City, Mo.; but now resides in Chicago.

Vodisa Comey taught in the South Dedham No. District School in 1865, having charge of the second division.

The school of the South District of South Dedham was well taught in the summer of 1865 by Lucy Rebecca Ellis. In the following autumn she went to Canton and taught there successfully four years. She is a native of South Dedham, the daughter of Rufus and Hannah (Guild) Ellis, born March 16, 1846. She received a three years' diploma from the Dedham High School; was married to Montgomery Olmstead of Jamaica Plain, Jan. 12, 1870; and has since resided mostly at Savin Hill, Dorchester.

The South District School of S. Dedham was taught by Lewis Nason Sumner through the winter of 1865-6, his first and last school. He was the son of Lewis and Keziah (Dudley) Sumner, born in Dorchester, and educated in the public schools and Oakland Institute of Needham, and at Wilbraham Academy. He married in Needham, Nov. 7, 1867, Susan Davis of Stanstead, Canada. He resided in Charlestown and had business connections with the Byam and Dudley Match Manufactory; his only office "Superintendent of Sunday School." Died Jan. 13, 1875.

Mrs. Mary (Chisholm) Hutchins was a successful teacher in the Avery School from October 1865 to April 1870; began to teach in the Quincy School in 1874 where she remained

until her resignation in June 1903. She is the daughter of William and Isabel (Graham) Chisholm of Dedham, and was married to George Henry Hutchins of Dedham, Dec. 27, 1860; he died January 8, 1864. Mrs. Hutchins was educated in the public schools of Dedham and Lowell, and has paid her debt to this town by thirty-four years of devoted service. Evidently the town is greatly her debtor; may Heaven audit the account and reward her fidelity.

Sarah Holland Fish began to teach in the Readville School in 1865, doing very acceptable work three years. In 1868 she taught two terms in the Avery School. She is the daughter of James Fabens and Frances Maria (Mackintosh) Fish, born in Dedham, June 12, 1848, and in 1864 received a well-earned diploma for four years at the High School. She was married at Hyde Park to J. Frank Hammer, Sept. 25, 1873; at the present time she resides in Nashua, N. H.

Edna Frances Calder began to teach in the Avery School in 1865; was transferred to the Ames in 1867; and became First Assistant in the High School in 1868, doing most acceptable work there till 1871, when she was elected to the same position in the Roxbury High School. In 1882 she was transferred to the West Roxbury High, and remained there till 1890. Then relinquishing her work to care for her aged parents, she has since resided in Dedham; is at present Assistant Librarian of the Dedham Historical Society, and was one of the editors of the Historical Register. She is a native of Dedham, the daughter of James and Anna Holmes (Baker) Calder; received a four years diploma at the High School; also studied chemistry in the Institute of Technology, 1868-9. In the preparation of this record her assistance has often been most acceptable and deserves grateful acknowledgment.

From 1865 to 1878 Abbie Aurelia White taught successfully in several different departments of the Everett School; also in the Railroad Ave. School. She is the daughter of James Franklin and Lavina Eliza White, born in South Ded-

ham and educated in South Dedham, Worcester, and Elizabeth, N. J., schools. She was married Dec. 20, 1878, to Edgar Laban Bigelow of Norwood, where she resided in March, 1904.

From 1865 to 1868 Mrs. Mary Urania (Pullen) Pond was an efficient teacher in the Everett School, having previously taught a short term in North Sharon. She is the daughter of Sumner Bond and Elvira (Whiting) Pullen, born in East Winthrop, Maine, and educated in the schools of South Dedham, where she was married Nov. 30, 1865, to Charles Edwin Pond. Her address March, 1904, was Nahatan Street, Norwood.

Julia A. Ellis taught the Union School, 1866 and 1867, when it received its new name. She is said to have married a Mr. Pike, and to live in Bath or Gardiner, Me., but inquiries sent to those places elicited no reply.

William H. Knight, a graduate of Middlebury College, was master of the Colburn School one year, 1866-7. Later he was principal of the Hyde Park High School.

Sarah Hodges was mistress of the Endicott School from 1866 to 1869. She was living at Attleboro in 1904.

Delia Clementina Paine, having previously taught from 1862 to 1865 in Dennis, took charge of the second class of the Everett School in 1866, and taught faithfully till the autumn of 1868. She is the daughter of Levi and Clementina Maria (Leonard) Paine of East Randolph; was educated at Worcester Academy, and Oak Hill Seminary, West Haven, Conn. November 18, 1868 she was married at Lakeville to Edward Payson Stetson of Walpole where in 1904 she still resided.

Nancy C. M. Winship was mistress at the south district school, South Parish, two summers, 1866 and 1867. Afterwards she taught in Randolph, 1868; South Weymouth, 1869; and in Medfield, 1870 and 1871. She was born in Canton, Oct. 6, 1844, the daughter of Silas M. and Julia A. Winship, and was educated in the grammar schools of Maine, and later in North Bridgewater Academy, her special tastes being literary. She was married in Randolph August 6, 1871, to

Byron W. Loud of South Weymouth in which town she died March 10, 1893.

THE NAMES OF DEDHAM SCHOOLS.

The Ames School named in honor of Fisher Ames at the dedication of a new schoolhouse in 1859, is the local successor of the school established in 1644. In the records it has been designated as "the school near the meeting-house," "the Town School," "the Centre School," "First Middle" and "District No. One."

The Avery School, named in 1867 by the School Committee in honor of Dr. William Avery, who gave fifty pounds for the benefit of a "Latin School in Dedham," was previously known as "The Mill School," "The Grove School" and "District No. Three."

The Dexter School, also named in 1867, and in honor of Samuel Dexter, who was a leading citizen of Dedham from 1762 to 1775, was previously known as "District No. Two," or the "Second Middle School."

The Damon School, now in Hyde Park, received its name in 1867, to honor Deacon Samuel Damon who left the town of Dedham \$1000, the income of which was to be distributed annually to the worthy poor of the town. It was first called "The Low Plain School," later "The Readville," or "District No. Four."

The Colburn School, now in Westwood, was so named by the committee in March, 1867, in honor of Warren and Dana P. Colburn, both natives of that school district, and authors of works on Arithmetic. It had been previously known as "The West Dedham School," or "District No. Eight," and at a very early date as Clapboardtrees.

The Fisher School, now of Westwood, was named also in 1867 in memory of Capt. Daniel Fisher, who was prominent in Dedham from 1639 to 1683; and of Hon. Ebenezer Fisher, who gave for the benefit of the West Dedham Schools \$1000.

Previously this was called "The Clapboardtrees School," or "District No. 9." "The Clapboardtrees" was originally used as the local name of West Dedham, because the excellent pine timber abounding there supplied clapboards for most of the houses in the township.

The Endicott School was so named in 1867 out of respect for the Hon. John Endicott, a native of Canton, but a leading citizen of Dedham from 1787 to 1857, and for several years her representative in the legislature. Previously the school was known as "The East Street" or District No. Five," in which Mr. Endicott resided.

The Everett School, now of Norwood, was named in 1867 out of respect for the Hon. Edward Everett whose ancestors were residents of South Dedham. Formerly it had been designated as "South Dedham, North District," "North District of the Second Parish" or "District No. Six."

The Balch School, now of Norwood, was named in 1867 in memory of the Rev. Thomas Balch, the first minister of the Second Parish. Previously it had been known as the "South District of the South, or Second Parish" "The Old Brick" or "District No. Seven."

The Burgess School, now discontinued, was named in 1867, to commemorate the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Burgess, a resident of the District at Broad Oak, and for many years a generous patron and supporter of the school, then called "The Westfield School," or "District No. Eleven."

The Union School, no longer existing, was so named in 1867 because it was composed of pupils from the three towns of Dedham, Medfield and Walpole; having been previously known as the "Walpole Corner School," or "District No. Ten."

The Quincy School took its name from the Hon. Josiah Quincy of Boston, who liberally promoted the settlement of the locality known as Germantown.

The Oakdale School bears the local name of its neighbor-

hood. In 1850 the place was chiefly an oak forest, known as "Whiting's woods."

The Riverdale School was named by the town from the neighboring estate of Mr. Nickerson when the money was appropriated for its first schoolhouse.

The Islington School took the local name of its neighborhood and is now in Westwood.

Charlotte A. Titcomb began to teach in the Everett School in 1866 and resigned in April, 1867. Mary C. Everett was mistress of the Balch School from 1867 to 1869. In August, 1867, George L. Faxon was appointed master of the Everett School and retained the position till April, 1868.

William Henry Wescott entered on his duties as master of the Ames School in April, 1867, and with the exception of a part of 1870 continued in that position till 1873. He enjoyed his work, and the school was happy under his careful instruction. He is the son of Edward and Catherine Louisa Wescott, born in Boston, April 9, 1840, and was educated in Boston Schools and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received the degree of M. D. from the Harvard Medical School in 1874. He was an assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy from 1862 to 1865. In 1883 he was married in Boston to Josephine Hildreth Waters and in 1902, practised his profession at 204 Adams street, Dorchester District, Boston.

The primary class of the Damon School in 1867 came into the care of Annie Janet Barton and so remained till 1869 when she became a teacher in the Avery. In 1879 she resigned to take an advanced course, including German and French, in the State Normal School at Bridgewater and graduated in 1882. From Sept. 1882 to July 1884 she taught in the High School of Maywood, Illinois; in Sept. 1885 she began to teach in the Ames, but in a few days was put in charge of one-half of the fourth class of the High School, continuing it till December, 1887, when she was elected principal of the Colburn. This

position she filled most acceptably till November, 1901, when on account of failing health she was granted leave of absence for a year; at the end of which, being no better, she sent in her resignation. She was the daughter of Anson F. and Janet (Chisholm) Barton, born in Medway, and a graduate of the four years course of the Dedham High School, which seldom has a more thorough scholar, or efficient teacher. Thousands would have rejoiced in her restoration to health, but she died May 16, 1904.

Abbie Frances Ellis taught in the Everett School from 1867 to 1871, having previously taught in Canton. She was the daughter of Alvin L. and Martha Bassett (Dean) Ellis of South Dedham, where she died January 4, 1872, aged 27 years.

Hattie Anna Dana taught the Burgess School from June to the last of November 1867, and from April 1868 to January 1869. She was born January 24, 1847, the daughter of William and Harriet (Burns) Dana of Dedham, and received a diploma of four years at the High School. November 19, 1873, she was married to William Huggett at East Canaan, N. H. At the present time she resides at West Canaan, and, though leading a busy life on a farm, still enjoys reading and tries "to keep on learning as the years go by."

From 1867 to 1872 Sarah Perrigo Fales was a teacher in the Everett School, having previously taught in Milford. She is the daughter of Silas and Roxie Fales, born in Walpole, and educated in the public schools of her native town to the end of the High School course. She was married to E. Monroe Boyden, April 2, 1872. After her marriage she taught in Norwood and Norfolk, and resided in Norwood, Mass., March, 1904.

In 1867-8 and 9 Martha Jane Hayward was an approved teacher in the Everett School, having previously taught in North Middleborough, summer of 1863; in Bridgewater winter of 1863-4, and the Gridley School of Canton, 1864, 1865

and 1866. She is the daughter of Daniel Leach and Hannah Fobes Hayward, born in Bridgewater, and educated in its public schools and the North Middleborough Academy, now endowed and named the Pratt Free School. May 4, 1870, she was married in Bridgewater to Sidney Edwards Morse of South Dedham; March 13, 1883, at Norwood, to Leonard Boyd of Norwood. Her address in 1904 was 61 Allerton Road, Newton Highlands.

Josephine Maria Prince taught continuously and very acceptably in the Ames School from 1867 till 1881. She is the daughter of James Harvey and Lucy Maria Prince, born in Dedham. She was educated in the Dedham schools, receiving a three years diploma at the High School. October 12, 1881, she was married to Edward Crane Paul of Dedham, where she still resides on Worthington Street.

George Marshall Fellows was master of the Avery School 1868-9. He had been a teacher in the following towns: Alexandria, Holderness, Bridgewater, Contoocook and Franklin, N. H.; Corinth, Vt.; Westport, Mass., and in Falley Seminary, N. Y. He left Dedham to teach in Hyde Park, and for the last twenty-eight years has taught in Boston. He is the son of Calvin Peterson and Mary Jane (Worthen) Fellows; born in Bristol, N. H.; fitted for college at the New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution; was graduated A. B. at Dartmouth College, 1862; was married August 12, 1862, at Bristol, N. H., to Ellen Maria Emmons. He resides in Hyde Park where for six years he was a member of the School Committee and Secretary of the Board.

Peter Levi Woodbury was Master of the Everett School 1868-9. The son of Jesse and Hannah Wilson (Duncklee) Woodbury, he was born in Francestown, N. H., May 4, 1840; prepared at Francestown Academy for Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1865. Teaching has been his life work. In 1867 he was thus employed in the High School of Hanover, Mass. After leaving Dedham he taught in Braintree; later he

was connected with Nebraska College, Neb., sixteen years; with Bishop Whipple's School, Moorhead, Minn., four years; the Holderness School, N. H., six years; and six years with the Howe School, Lima, Ind., of which he is now, 1904, the Head Master.

The Colburn School from 1868 to 1870 was well taught by Joseph Washington Armington, already a teacher of varied experience. He had enjoyed this work in Rutland and Holden, Mass.: Lunenburg, Vt.; Lancaster and Warren, N. H.; Hardwick, Ashburnham, Weymouth, Milford, Quincy, Holbrook, and Lexington, Mass. After leaving Dedham, he taught in Weymouth twenty-three years; in Everett ten years, and is now enjoying the eleventh year, as I infer from a note of Jan. 20, 1904, in which he says, "I never felt better than now, and enjoy teaching as much as ever." He is the son of Nathaniel Kent and Betsey (Carr) Armington; born in St. Johnsbury, Vt.; educated in the schools of Holden, Worcester Academy, Wilbraham Academy, and the Albany Law School. He was married, April 23, 1863, to Clarinda Lincoln Fearing; and now, in the fifty-first year of his teaching resides at 15 Hampshire Street, Everett, Mass.

Maria Louisa Wheelock began to teach in North Walpole in 1867 and continued there about a year. In 1868 she took charge of a class in the Everett School and did very acceptable work till 1879. She is the daughter of Elijah and Mary (Colburn) Wheelock, born in West Dedham, Nov. 7, 1848; attended the schools in South Dedham; then studied in the High School one year and received a four years diploma. Married Charles H. Souther, Dec. 23, 1879. She now, 1904, resides at Jamaica Plain. In 1902, her four children, three sons and a daughter, were all members of Harvard and Smith Colleges: a cause of my earnest congratulations to both parents and children.

Mary Adaline Alden was a faithful and efficient teacher in the Ames School one year from September, 1868; then went

to the Avery and taught thirteen years. Later she taught in Norwood one year. She is the daughter of Samuel Fales and Sarah Whiting (Fales) Alden, born in Dedham and educated in the East Street and High Schools, receiving a diploma for three years. Her present residence, 1904, is at Endicott, Mass.

Sarah Elizabeth Cheney from the autumn of 1868 to the winter of 1869 taught the school at Walpole Corner; then the Winter term of the Fisher School; next the primary department of the Colburn School from May, 1871, to November, 1876. She had also taught in North Wrentham the summer and winter terms of 1867-8, and in South Walpole the winter of 1870-71. She is the daughter of Samuel and Mary Cheney, was born in West Dedham, and educated at Rev. Mr. Locke's private school. Oct. 23, 1878, she was married to Percy E. Tisdale, and in 1904 resided in Walpole.

The primary department of the Colburn School from 1868 to 1878 was well instructed by Sarah Arnold Ellis. She is the daughter of Caleb and Abigail (Harding) Ellis of Medfield, and received her thorough preparation for teaching in the Medfield High School. Oct. 23, 1878, she was united in marriage to George M. Mann, and resided in Fitchburg, Mass., Jan., 1904.

Harriette Elizabeth Whiting was a teacher in the Avery School in 1868, having previously taught in Wrentham a year and a half; in 1873-4 she was in charge of the Fisher School. She was the daughter of Otis B. and Lavinia (Wickes) Whiting, born in South Dedham, Aug. 13, 1849, and educated in the Dedham grammar and high schools. She left teaching on account of failing health, and died in Dedham, June 28, 1874.

Ellen Wickes Whiting commenced teaching in the Avery School in 1868; so continued till 1872, when she was transferred to the Ames and taught there most acceptably till 1879. She was the daughter of Otis B. and Lavinia (Wickes) Whiting, born in South Dedham, Sept. 3, 1852, and was educated in the Dedham grammar and high schools; married Frank

Webb Blake of Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19, 1879. Mrs. Blake died July 10, 1886.

In 1869-70 Elsie H. Curtis was a teacher in the Avery School. She is the daughter of Edward Henry and Hannah C. (Noyes) Curtis, born in Dedham, Dec. 26, 1848. Receiving a four years diploma at the High School in 1866, she continued her education at the Salem State Normal School. She was married to Alfred Ewer in Dedham, Nov. 17, 1870, and now resides at 23 Schuyler Street, Dorchester, Mass.

In May, 1869, D. N. Lane, or D. A. Lane, Jr., was elected Master of the Everett School, but resigned the position about the first of December.

During a part of the year 1869-70 Emma Tisdale was a teacher in the Everett School. She had previously taught in North Easton, Easton Furnace, and North Sharon. She left teaching in 1870 and learned typewriting. She was the daughter of Josiah and Susan P. Tisdale, born in Cochesset Village, N. Bridgewater, but received her education in the schools of South Dedham. She died in 1886.

About two years, 1869-70, the Burgess School was in charge of Helen Sophia Colburn, the daughter of Thomas and Sophia Gardner (Edwards) Colburn, born in Dedham, Nov. 4, 1846, and educated in her schools, receiving a four years diploma at the High School. Before teaching Miss Colburn learned telegraphy, and remembers that, while substituting in the private office of the B. & P. R. R., she took the telegram announcing the assassination of Abraham Lincoln; also the one announcing the surrender of Lee and the close of the Civil War. She was assistant P. M. in Dedham, 1866-7. Married John B. Fisher Dec. 22, 1870, in Dedham, where she has since resided, and for years has made herself useful as Recording Secretary of the Dedham Women's Club.

In December, 1869, Rodney B. Capen was elected master of the Everett School. Other facts concerning him have eluded my careful search.

From 1869 to 1875 Josephine Hewins taught a well patronized private school in Temperance Hall on Court Street. She had previously taught several years in the public schools of West Roxbury. After teaching in Dedham she was given a position in the Boston Public Library which she held for about six years, when she resigned because of failing health. She was the daughter of Amasa and Elizabeth (Alden) Hewins, born in Boston, and educated in the Jamaica Plain and Dedham high schools, graduating from the latter in 1858. She died January 5, 1881, a few months after leaving the Boston Library.

Adelaide Estelle Ingraham was mistress of the Balch School 1869 to 1872; taught in the Everett 1872-3; in the Avery, 1877 to 1883. She was a teacher in the Woodstock Academy, Conn., 1874 and 1875, and in Cambridge in higher grammar grades from January 1, 1883 till 1895. Since then and at present she is principal of the Sleeper School of eight rooms including primary and grammar grades. Before teaching in Dedham she taught one term in Foxboro and one in Walpole. She is the daughter of George Lewis and Nancy Angenette (Butterworth) Ingraham, born in Newton, educated in South Dedham and Boston Normal School. She resides in Norwood and Cambridge, in each one-half the year.

From Sept. 1869 to Sept. 1871 Barrett Beard Russell was master of the Avery School. He began teaching in Dartmouth, April, 1862; later taught in Westport and Randolph before coming to Dedham. He was teacher of mathematics and chemistry at the Bridgewater Normal from Sept. 1871 to May 1879; was principal of the Oliver School, Lawrence, from May, 1879, to Jan. 1, 1885. From that date to the present, 1904, he has superintended the schools of Brockton. He is the son of Howland and Mary Beard Russell, born in Dartmouth, Nov. 24, 1844; educated in the public schools and academy of his native town, and at the Bridgewater Normal, and in special studies by private lessons; married Fanny

Sumner Marden of Milford, Nov. 28, 1871; served as school committee in Bridgewater; was a trustee of the Public Library of Brockton, three years; and for the last nine years to 1903, has been a director of the Plymouth Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Brockton.

The second class of the Everett School from 1869 to 1871 was in charge of Phebe Ann Holder who had been the assistant in Lee High School about six years from 1857. From the Everett she went to Hinsdale and was principal of the High School there three years; then taught in Berlin schools till sixty years of age, after which she received private pupils at home until within a year of her death. She was the daughter of Daniel and Harriett (Hutchins) Holder, born in Berlin, Mass., Nov. 27, 1824, and educated in Berlin public schools, Academical Boarding School, and the State Normal School at Westfield. Her literary work deserves mention. She wrote both prose and verse religious in tone. Her poems for public occasions were often solicited and much admired. Some of her hymns were set to music, and much of her poetry appeared in periodicals and newspapers. One volume was published: "Voices from Lakeview." "She was a zealous Chautauquan and earnest church worker." She died in Berlin, Mass., Nov. 12, 1902.

From 1869 to 1875 Melissa Deborah Robinson was a teacher in the Avery School, then a year in the Quincy. She is the daughter of Samuel Baker and Deborah Cutting (Upton) Robinson, born Oct. 27, 1850, in Dedham; received a diploma for three years at the High School; married Harvey M. Holt, Nov. 29, 1876; and in 1890 resided at 150 Vine Street, Everett.

From Jan. 1869, to Oct. 1870, Fanny Sumner Marden had charge of the second division of the Avery School. She is the daughter of Aaron and Mary Thayer (Cox) Marden, born in South Boston, June 29, 1844. Her education was received in the public schools of Dedham and Newton. She was married

to Barrett Beard Russell in Milford, Nov. 28, 1871. As secretary and treasurer of the Associated Charities, and in connection with other societies, Mrs. Russell has made herself useful to the community in which she lives. Her present residence is Brockton.

The Endicott School in 1869, the Union in 1869-70, and the Fisher in 1870, were faithfully taught by Florence Hill. Since then she has been a teacher in the Norwood schools nearly twenty-five years, and is now, 1904, in charge of the Shattuck School of the same town. She is the daughter of Rev. George and Georgianna (Brown) Hill, born in West Cambridge (now Arlington), and educated in the grammar and high schools of Norwood and at the Dean Academy of Franklin. She resides in Norwood where her labors have been justly appreciated.

Emma Maria Savil, after completing her studies in the Quincy High and Girl's High and Normal School of Boston, began to teach the Endicott School in Dec., 1869, and continued her work there nearly five years. Then she went to the grammar department of the Bowditch School, Boston, and from there, a few years later, to a similar position in the Edward Everett School, Dorchester Dist., where she still teaches, no one more acceptably. She is a native of Quincy, the daughter of Charles Francis and Lydia (Turner) Savil, and resides in that city at 18 Saville Avenue.

From 1870 to 1875 Henrietta Adams taught in the Avery School; then was transferred to the Ames School and taught there till 1894, thus giving the town of Dedham twenty-four years of faithful and efficient service. She is the daughter of Benjamin Henry and Elizabeth (Smith) Adams, born in Dedham. She attended the High School three years, and still occupies the pleasant home of her childhood.

Mary Lee Adams taught a private school in Dedham Village on Court Street about three years, 1870-1872. She is the only daughter of William Joseph and Deborah Foster

(Chickering) Adams, and was born in Boston ; coming to Dedham when a child, she attended the private schools of Miss Augusta Crehore and Miss Emily Hodges ; then the Dedham High School two years. She graduated from the Girls' High and Normal School of Boston. Her residence has been partly in Dedham, and more recently in Pittsfield, Mass.

Belle Merrick taught in the Everett School 1870-1. The want of a clue shortens this record.

In 1870 Sarah Louisa Rhodes was mistress of the Union School : from 1886 to 1894 she taught the second class of the Ames. She began to teach in 1867 in Franklin, remaining there a year ; then taught two years in North Wrentham, 1868 to 1870 ; and, from 1871 to 1886, had charge of a class in the Everett School of Norwood. To this school she returned from the Ames in 1895 and at the present date, 1904, is still teaching there. She is the daughter of Aaron Willard and Ruth (Small) Rhodes, born in Walpole ; attended the Dedham High School one year, but received a well merited diploma for the four years course, having entered in advance from the high school class of the Everett, under Mr. Alger and Miss Robie.

Annie L. Boyden was a teacher in the Everett School 1870-71. No clue to further information discoverable.

In the winter of 1870-1 a primary class of the Balch School was taught by Miss E. M. Peck to the entire satisfaction of the Town Committee.

Beginning in the autumn of 1870, Clara Addie Curtis had charge of the Burgess School till 1872. She is the daughter of George Frederick and Mary (Woodbury) Curtis, born in Dedham and educated in its schools, receiving a four years diploma at the High School. She is still a resident of her native town, devoted to the care of her invalid and aged relatives.

In the Everett School, 1870-71, Mary Viola Woodman was the teacher of the second class, her previous experience being that of a substitute in the Boston Schools. Later she taught in both the primary and grammar departments of the

Washington, now Dudley, School of Roxbury. She is the daughter of James Barnabas and Mary Cordelia Woodman, born in Hanover, Mass., and educated in the primary schools of her native town, the Everett Grammar and Girl's High and Normal of Boston, including a course in the training department. Nov. 20, 1873, she was married to Franklin Sprague Williams, and now, 1904, resides at 15 Schuyler street, Roxbury, varying her household cares with an interest in two Women's Clubs, and the chief management of one of them.

For one year, 1870-71, James Bartlett Hammond was master of the Ames School, and after leaving Dedham taught in New York City. He is the son of Thomas and Harriet W. (Trow) Hammond of South Boston. He was educated in the Mather School; Boston High; Boston Latin; Phillips Academy, Andover; University of Vermont; Union Theological Seminary, New York; and University of Halle, Germany. Mr. Hammond says, "I became interested in Type Writing in 1869-70; which interest increased and resulted in the invention of the *Hammond Typewriter*. The further perfection of the machine, and its adaptation to oriental as well as occidental languages and dialects, will occupy the residue of the inventor's lifetime." Mr. Hammond resided at the Osborne, 205 West 57th street, New York, January 5, 1904.

Jairus Lincoln, Jr., was master of the Colburn School one year, 1870-71. He was the son of Jairus and Mary Cotton (Ware) Lincoln of Northboro; was educated in Northboro schools and the Normal at Bridgewater, graduating August 4, 1852. He was married in his native town, March 26, 1856, to Jane Taylor Fisher. He taught seven years; and previous to 1876 became a farmer in Longmont, Colorado, where he died in November, 1893.

Maria Therese Delano was an assistant teacher in the High School from September, 1870, one year, then taught a year and two terms in Canton. Returning to the High School she taught from the spring term of 1873 to June, 1884. She had entire

charge of the fourth class and taught the whole school in vocal music most of the time. She had previously taught a year and a half in Cliftdale; in Bunker Hill School, Charlestown, three years; in West Side Ladies' Seminary, Chicago, Ill., three years; and in Lynnfield and Reading two years; in all twenty-four years: and she says, "During that time I was not out of school a day for illness." She is the daughter of Thomas Ingalls and Maria Louisa (Grigg) Delano, born in New Boston, N. H., educated in the public schools of Somerville and the Salem Normal, graduating in 1861. She excelled in mathematics and was a very thorough teacher. She now, 1904, resides at 72 Florence St., Somerville, Massachusetts.

In 1870, Ella Eudora Ward was a teacher in the Ames School, and from 1872 till 1884 she was the approved mistress of the Burgess School. She is the daughter of Caleb Burbank and Abby Batelle (Mixer) Ward, born in Dedham, Dec. 13, 1849. She was the recipient of a diploma for three years in the High School; married James E. Brown, Feb. 22, 1882, and in 1890 resided at Milton Mills, N. H.

Carrie M. Shapleigh was the teacher of the Union School the winter of 1870-71, being an acceptable substitute in place of Miss Rhodes who was granted leave of absence.

In the spring of 1871, because of the illness of the principal of the High School, William Davis Mackintosh was acting principal for the term. He had previously taught in Colchester Academy, Vt., and as master of a grammar school in Wenham, 1869-1871. From 1871 to 1874 he was in charge of a grammar school in Amesbury; from 1877 to 1880, assistant in Worcester High; 1880 to 1884, prin. of Amesbury High; 1884 to 1889, assistant in Mr. Hale's School, Boston; 1890 to 1896, in Chauncey Hall; 1897 to 1898, principal So. Weymouth High. Since that time to the present, Jan. 1904, he has conducted a private school. He is the son of Roger Sherman and Mary Jane (Lyon) Mackintosh; born in West Roxbury; educated in the public schools of Dorchester and at

Harvard University. He was married Sept. 18, 1880, in Amesbury, to Anna L. Jones, and now resides in Boston, West Roxbury District.

From March, 1871, to Feb., 1872, Charles Francis Adams was master of the Colburn School. He had previously taught in Spencer, Sturbridge and Malden. Afterward he was vice-principal of the High School of Fitchburg; assistant in the Worcester Normal School, 1874 to 1883. Was instructor in the National School of Methods, Saratoga, N. Y., about 1887; school committee of Worcester, 1888-1893. He has been supt. of schools in Spencer since 1903. He is the son of John and Marcia Amy (Bond) Adams, born in Brookfield, a graduate of Bridgewater and Westfield Normal Schools, Mass., Institute of Technology, and Agassiz Summer School at Penekese. He married Mary Lillian Kinney at Worcester, 1876, and was a resident of Spencer, Mass., Jan. 21, 1904.

From 1871 to 1873 the Fisher School was well taught by Charlotte Elizabeth Eaton; also the Endicott School from 1878 to 1880. She was the daughter of John and Harriet Eaton, born in Dedham, and received a diploma of four years at the High School. She married Frank R. Bird, Sept. 22, 1880, and resided in Canton. The date of her death is not ascertained.

Wm. H. Hubbard was master of the Avery School a part of the years 1871-2. As other facts concerning him have eluded all our inquiries, we will add the testimony of the town committee who say in their report of March, 1872, "Mr. W. H. Hubbard has occupied the master's position during the fall and winter terms, and we believe he has labored diligently and advanced his pupils well in their studies."

From December, 1871, to March, 1873, Frances Abby Mathes was an assistant in the High School, having charge of the Fourth Class. It was her first experience in teaching, and her success gained for her a position in Bradford Academy, which she occupied four and a third years. Then, Feb., 1882,

after a vacation of five years she went into the Portsmouth, N. H., High School, where up to the present time she has taught chiefly Latin and English Literature. She is the daughter of Nathan Folsom and Mary Frances (Folsom) Mathes, born in Portsmouth, N. H., educated in her public schools and at the Maplewood Institute, Pittsfield, Mass. As a teacher she has always won the affections of her pupils. Her present residence is South Road, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Everett School, 1871-2, had for its master Leander Van Ness Peck. He was the son of Zia and Sarah (Campbell) Peck, born in Acworth, New Hampshire, April 2, 1836. He fitted for Dart. Col. at the New London Academy, N. H., and graduated in 1864. For about three years after leaving college he taught in a military boarding school in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., then a year or two in New Jersey. He left Norwood for a mastership in South Natick, which he held six years, the last of his teaching. He had married in April, 1865, Mary J. Harris of Concord, Mass. He was an appraiser in the Boston Custom House several years, and the last eighteen years of his life resided at Wellesley Hills, where he served the town as tax collector, 1890, and as assessor the last four years of his life, "which ended for earth, Oct. 28, 1902."

In the Balch School Miss E. C. Perkins began to teach in September, 1871. Under her instruction the school passed into the care of the town of Norwood.

Miss E. L. Reynolds began to teach in the first department of the Balch School in November, 1871, and under her instruction the school came into the care of the new town of Norwood.

Martha Abbie Smith became Assistant Teacher in the High School, October, 1871, and did excellent work there till June, 1884. Her work was interrupted by protracted illness and was never resumed. She had previously been the Assistant Teacher of the Weymouth High School about a year and a half, March, 1870, to October, 1871. She is the daughter of

Charles and Wealthy (McKinney) Smith of Dedham, where she was educated in the public schools and received a four years diploma at the High School. In chemistry and the Higher Mathematics, she enjoyed the privileges offered at the Institute of Technology ; also by private tuition in Greek prepared herself to instruct college classes in Xenophon. At the present time, 1904, she is Supt. of Indexers in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, residing at 924 High Street, Dedham. As a proof reader her assistance in publishing this volume has been most valuable.

From 1871 to 1880 the fourth class of the Ames School was most faithfully instructed by Mary L. Talbot. She is the daughter of Sylvester W. and Margaret (Guild) Talbot, born in Dedham. After receiving a diploma for three years in the Dedham High School she attended Mr. Henry Williams' School in Boston. She has been an efficient member and director of the Ladies' Club in Dedham, where she still resides.

Horace Thomas Atwood was master of the Colburn School 1872-3 ; then was in charge of the Everett School of Norwood from 1873 to 1890. He is the son of Loranus and Charity Thomas (Washburn) Atwood of Middleboro, where he was educated in the public schools and Pierce Academy, also by courses in Bryant and Stratton's Commercial College and the Bridgewater State Normal School. He married Clara A. Talbot of Norwood in July, 1883. He studied at the Boston University Law School, and since 1895 has practised law at Norwood. He served that town as chairman of the School Committee, 1892 to 1895 ; as Trustee of the Public Library, 1883 to 1896, being chairman the last three years.

From April, 1872, to July 1, 1890, Harriet Ellis Colburn was a very thorough teacher of the Union School. In December, 1890, she took charge of the first public school in Waban, teaching it till July, 1891 ; then for a year taught as a substitute in the Cambridge schools. In September, 1892,

she went to Springfield, where she has taught the greater part of every year as substitute, and is now so employed in the day schools and in the Elm Street Evening School, where she has taught every winter since 1892, from the second week of October to the middle of April. She is the daughter of James Perrin and Cordelia (Merrifield) Colburn of West Dedham, where she was born, April 5, 1853. She attended the High School a year; then continued her education in Rev. C. S. Locke's private school. Her residence in 1904 was at South Dexter Street, Springfield, Mass.

Henry Ellis Crocker was master of the Avery School from 1872 to 1878, and of the Ames School from 1881 to 1885; then was Superintendent of the Dedham schools three years. He was born in Barnstable June 13, 1848, the son of Wilson and Elizabeth Crocker. He attended the Conference Seminary at East Greenwich, R. I., and the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. Before coming to Dedham he had taught in the public schools of Barnstable and also in the Academy at Wilbraham. July 28, 1870, he was married at Osterville to Helen Howard Scudder. Mr. Crocker's ability as an educator was duly appreciated; and in recognition of the same Bates College gave him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. In 1896 he was the chief manager of the New York branch of the Fisk Teachers' Agencies, his address being 156 Fifth avenue, New York City.

From 1872 to 1877 Annie Grant Fish taught a division of the Avery School, having previously taught a year in the Damon School of Hyde Park, 1870-1; and from March to August, 1872, in the Haledon School, Paterson, New Jersey. She was the daughter of James Fabens and Frances Maria (Mackintosh) Fish, born in Rochester, Illinois, Oct. 19, 1852; educated in the public schools of Dedham, and receiving a diploma of four years at the High School in 1869. She was married to Edwin Scott Morse Oct. 18, 1877, at Dedham, where she resided till her death, Dec. 31, 1895.

Abbie L. Marshall taught the primary department of the Dexter School, 1872-3, and was mistress of the Oakdale, 1873-4. She is the daughter of Edward and Eliza Ann Marshall, born in Dedham Aug. 24, 1852; received a four years diploma at the High School; was married to Henry C. Hamilton in Dedham, Sept. 13, 1877. In 1890 they resided in Mansfield.

Mrs. Mary Sereno Morse taught in the Avery School from 1872 till 1876. The Quincy opening as a branch of the Avery was in charge of Mrs. Morse nearly a year in 1874. Before coming to Dedham she had taught three years in the First District of Ellington, Conn. She is the daughter of Charles Harris and Fanny Lavina (Chase) Towne, born in Grafton, and educated in the schools of that town and the Rockville High School. She married Luther Saunt Morse in 1861; he died in 1870. She married Israel Warren Andrews of Danvers in 1877, who died in Nov., 1897. Mrs. Andrews resides at 26 Hayward Street, Salem, where she teaches music, as she has done the greater part of her life.

Anna Louisa Farrington began to teach as an assistant for an hour a day of Miss Savil in the Endicott School in 1873. In 1875 she took charge of the primary class of the Avery and so continued till 1883, when her success and the offer of a large increase of salary took her to Yonkers, N. Y. At the present time, 1904, she is there and still continues class work combined with some supervision; and is fortunate in having the largest salary paid for class room work in the city, High School excepted. She is a daughter of George Otis and Abbie (Durant) Farrington, born in Dedham, and a four years graduate of the High School. Her address is 212 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

From 1873 to 1875 the Master of the Ames School was Frederick Eugene Whitney, who had previously taught in Farmington, Vienna, Mt. Vernon and Waldoboro, Maine. Leaving Dedham he taught in the Mayhew and Eliot Schools

of Boston, and in the Government University, Tokio, Japan, up to 1881. He is the son of George Washington and Vidette (Haines) Whitney, born in Farmington, Me., Nov. 26, 1850. His education was obtained at Farmington Academy, State Normal School of the same place; Waterville Classical Institute, class of '69; Bowdoin College, class of 1873, and the Law School of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., class of 1882. He was married at Oakland, Cal., March, 1884, to Edith Adams; and since 1882 has practised law in that city, serving as County Commissioner of Alameda Co. 12 years, and holding various other positions of honor and trust in the City, County, and State.

From 1874 to 1878 Sarah Louisa Harris had charge of the Oakdale School, to which, after a term in the Avery, 1886, she returned as mistress for a year in 1887-8. She taught in Brookline, had charge of the English department of the Waltham New Church School, and in London, England, taught two years in the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind. For a time she was principal of the Grammar School in Paulina, Iowa; for six years she was the governess in Mr. Hastings' family of Fryeburg, Me., and nine months in Dr. Flint's, of Ridgefield, Conn. She is the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Clark (Simpson) Harris, born in Brunswick, Me., and educated in the Bowdoin and Dudley Schools, Boston, and the Bridgewater State Normal. Her present residence is Paulina, Iowa.

Mary Esther Keelan from 1874 to 1882 taught a department of the Avery School: in 1882 she was elected principal of the Quincy, and has done excellent service there till the present time, 1904. To fully appreciate Miss Keelan's ability as the Head of a School, one needs to visit the Quincy and witness the order, enthusiasm and intelligence of her pupils. She was born in Milton, the daughter of Michael and Catherine Elizabeth (Roche) Keelan, and received a diploma for four

years at the Dedham High School in 1872. She resides at 366 High Street, Dedham.

Sarah Lizzie Norris taught in Dedham about eight years: the Fisher School 1874 to 1876, Quincy 1876 to 1877, Avery 1877-8, Oakdale 1878 to 1881, and Ames 1881-2. Then leaving Dedham she taught in the primary department of the Central School of Montclair, N. J., from 1882 to 1891. She is the daughter of Samuel Myrick and Isabella (Swords) Norris, born in Charlestown, Mass.; educated in the Avery School, Miss Nancy Guild's private school, the Dedham High, from which she received a diploma for four years, and the Framingham State Normal. She was married in Hyde Park July 14, 1891, to Randall Spaulding, Supt. of Schools in Montclair, New Jersey, where now, 1904, she resides. In Montclair she was President of the Child Study Association, 1895 to 1897; of the Wednesday Afternoon Club, 1901 and 2; and is now one of the Advisory Board of the Town Improvement Association.

James Nathaniel Parker was master of the Colburn School from January 1874 to June 1880, and his success was often mentioned in the reports of the Town Committee. He is the son of James and Elizabeth Parker (Glover) Parker of Marblehead, and was born May 17, 1840. In the schools of his native town he fitted for the Bridgewater Normal School from which he graduated in 1869. Beginning at once to teach in Holbrook, he continued there till June 1873, then taught a few weeks in East Stoughton, now Avon. He was married to Annie Wilde Paine of Holbrook then East Randolph, July 12, 1871. Since 1880 Mr. Parker has been a member of the shoe manufacturing firm, F. A. Parker & Co., of Marblehead, where he has resided. He has served that town in many offices of trust, four years as Selectman, ten years Trustee of the Abbott Library, fifteen years as School Committee, and four years as Electric Light Commissioner.

William Thomas Hart was master of the Endicott School



from 1875 to 1878, and of the Oakdale from 1878 to 1881. He then took charge of the West School of Milton but resided in Hyde Park. He was the son of William and Emeline (Thayer) Hart of Foxboro, born Oct. 8, 1850, and educated in the schools of his native town. He taught two years in Foxboro, then was a bookkeeper three years in a Straw Factory before teaching in Dedham. In 1878, Aug. 1, he married Ella C. Hatch of Great Barrington. He was a zealous member of the Baptist Church, both in Foxboro and in Hyde Park; also of the Hyde Park Historical Society, and at the time of his death was Vice President of the Norfolk County Teachers' Association. He was in his Milton School almost to the day of his death, Feb. 15, 1889. Of him it could be truly said: "He was faithful to the end."

From 1875 to 1881 Joseph Hale Noyes was master of the Ames School. He was the son of Daniel and Mary Hale (Parish) Noyes of Newbury, and was educated at Dummer Academy, also devoting two years to collegiate studies under private tuition. His life-work was teaching which he began at 18 years of age, and continued successfully forty years in Ipswich, Newburyport, Medford, Malden, Newton, Marblehead, Wellesley and Dedham. He married first, Abby Maria Young of Newburyport, Dec. 1853; second, Mary Elizabeth Moore of Worcester. His last years from 1884, chiefly devoted to business for the firm of William H. Noyes & Brother, were spent in Newburyport where he died Sept. 23, 1896. He was an active and esteemed member of the Old South Church of that city.

The Fisher School from 1876 to 1880 was in charge of Lucy Ellis Allen, who had previously taught in Dover, and, after leaving Dedham was thus employed in Foxboro. She is the daughter of Samuel Fisher and Harriet (Ellis) Allen, born in Dedham and educated in the public schools of her native town and in Rev. Calvin S. Locke's Private School. She was

married in Dedham Aug. 18, 1880, to Joseph Henry Orendorf of Boxboro, and now, March 25, 1904, resides in Concord.

Lizzie Smith Alger taught a division of the Quincy School two years, 1877-1879, having previously taught in Smithfield, R. I., and in Millbury, Mass. She is the daughter of David and Hannah Studley (Malcolm) Alger, born in Dedham and educated in the schools of her native town from Primary through the High. She was married in Providence, R. I., to George Dallas Barnes, and in April, 1904, resided at 132 Border Street, Ashcroft, Dedham.

The first special teacher of drawing employed by the town of Dedham was Mary Flagg Taft who taught in the High School the summer term of 1877. She is the daughter of Frederic Augustus and Cornelia Shorey (Guild) Taft, born in Medford, and educated in the Dedham schools, receiving at the High School a diploma for four years. She also studied at the Normal Art School in Boston. She was married to Henry Hitchings, Supt. of Drawing in Boston Public Schools. at Dedham, Nov. 7, 1877. She resided in 1902 at 32 St. James Avenue, Boston.

The Islington School was opened in 1877, and Anna Maria Dean had charge of it till 1880. She was the daughter of Josiah and Susan Jane (Whiting) Dean, born in Dedham and educated in the East Street School and the three years course of the High. August 9, 1887, she was married to Horatio P. Lewis of Brockton. She died in Brockton, January 4, 1902.

The Quincy School, 1877-8, was in charge of Mabel Weed Saxe. She had previously taught in Alton, Ill. ; and, after leaving Dedham taught in Medford, and the Intermediate Class of the Everett of Boston three years. She is the daughter of Jacob Weed and Grace Brentnelle (Drury) Saxe, born in Leon, Wis., Oct. 3, 1858, educated in Medford, Mass. and Alton, Ill. She was married Dec. 1, 1880, to Nahum E. Jen-

nison of Swanton, Vt., and now, Jan. 22, 1904, resides at 201 Waiola Ave., La Grange, Illinois.

Mary Lillicetta Stevens was an acceptable teacher in Dedham eight years: in the Oakdale 1877; Quincy 1878 to 1882; Avery 1882 to 1885. She was born in West Dedham, the daughter of John Nelson and Elvira Latham (Cramm) Stevens, and attended the Hyde Park and Dedham High Schools, receiving from the latter a diploma for four years. She was married July 14, 1885, to Emerson Wordsworth Lyon at Readville, where she has since resided.

Annie Emily Curtis taught drawing in the High School from September, 1877, to June, 1878. She was the daughter of John and Anne Matilda (Greenwood) Curtis, born in Providence, R. I., and educated in Providence schools and the Mass. Normal Art School. She taught in St. Agnes School, Albany, N. Y., 1878 to 1882; married William Blodget in Providence, April 25, 1883; died in the same city, March 13, 1885.

Two years, 1878 to 1880, the Avery School had for its Master A. M. Graves. Since then he has resided in the far West, where it has been impossible to trace his career.

The art work of the Dedham High School for four years, 1878 to 1882, was in charge of Ella Cyrene Greene. She had taught about two years in the Lowell Evening Drawing School and has been in that service continuously to the present, 1904. She has also taught in the Girls High School of Boston and many other institutions; and has received several diplomas, prizes and high commendations for work done in her studio in Lowell. She is the daughter of George W. and Cyrene Annah Greene, born in Carlisle, Mass.; educated in Lowell, graduating from the High School, 1875, and from the Normal Art School of Boston, A. M. in 1880. She has since resided in Lowell, and her business address is No. 8 and 9 Mansur Block, Central Street, Lowell, Mass.

In 1878-9 a special teacher of music was first employed by

the town, and Charles Edward Whiting was paid for teaching in the High School only ; then he was employed from 1879 to 1884 in the Grammar and Primary Schools, where his services were very highly approved. He is the son of Nathan Partridge and Olive (Chase) Whiting, born in Holliston and educated in her public schools. Before teaching in Dedham he was thus employed in Newton and Brighton ; after his work in Dedham he taught music in Malden, Melrose, Winthrop, Belmont, and Watertown. In 1860 he married Emma R. Leland of Sherborn. He is now, 1904, a Musical Author and Composer for Public Schools, and resides at 375 Harvard St., Cambridge.

The Dexter School from 1878 to 1883 was in charge of Frederick Herbert Wight. He is the son of George Francis and Adeline Mary Wight, born in Dedham Jan. 5, 1859, educated in the public schools ; a four years graduate of the High School, and also of the Bridgewater Normal. He was married in Dedham to Charlotte Poole White, April 6, 1881. After 1883 he engaged in mercantile pursuits, residing at Oakdale ; but is now a grain merchant in Waltham, Mass.

From 1879 to 1885 Fannie Ellis Draper taught very acceptably in the Ames School, then was a teacher in Brookline till April, 1888. In June of that year she was married to Frederick J. Baker. In August they went to reside in Sherman, Texas ; but since April, 1899, have lived in Dallas of the same State. She is the daughter of George Dean and Fannie Elizabeth (Baker) Draper, born in West Dedham and educated at Dedham High and a Private School in Worcester.

Florence E. Greer from 1879 to 1882 was principal of the Quincy School, having previously been a teacher in Dover. She is the daughter of John and Catherine Greer, born in Boston and educated in the Lincoln and Normal Schools of that city. She was married Sept. 11, 1882, at Gardner, Mass., to Charles F. Pritchard, and in 1904 resided in Lynn, her husband being the general manager of the Lynn Gas and

Electric Co., and she the Vice-President of the Woman's North Shore Club.

From 1879 to 1884 the musical instruction in the Dedham schools was in charge of Arthur Wilder Thayer as teacher and superintendent; and from 1884 till 1887 he was Supt. of the same branch in the town of Milton. He is the son of John Henry Bass and Mary Smith (Wilder) Thayer, born in Dedham and educated in the private school of Emily C. Hodges, Dedham High, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His musical training was by his father, Dr. Guilmette, and other masters. His musical compositions have been numerous, including songs, choruses, etc. He was married in Dedham to Annie Richards Fisher, Nov. 12, 1891. For about twenty-five years he has been devoted to music as teacher, composer, conductor, singer and organist, incidentally having pupils in composition and conducting. He is a resident of Dedham.

In 1880 Martha Clarke Crane succeeded Miss Small as teacher of sewing and continued her work till June, 1882, when instruction in that art was discontinued. She says: "I gave two days in the week to the schools; taught four schools at the Avery Wednesdays, giving a fourth of each day to each school. Friday forenoons I taught two schools at the Ames; the first half of the afternoon I gave to the Quincy, the latter half to another school at the Ames. Each scholar was expected to furnish her own work, but many times mothers didn't have anything suitable. I always had something for those who came without, so it was very seldom the one who came and said, 'My mother didn't have any work,' was allowed to 'play off' with that excuse. The town did not then, as now, furnish material. We once made a small patchwork quilt and sold it, and the holders which were made were sold; so the spare cash was used to buy thread and needles for those who neglected to furnish their own." Miss Crane is the daughter of Ebenezer Paul and Sarah Stowe (Clarke) Crane, born in Dedham and

educated in its public schools to the end of a four years course in the High School. She resides in Dedham.

Dorus Franklin Howard was appointed Master of the Avery School in September, 1880. He was the son of Erastus and Calista (Larrabee) Howard of East Hardwick, Vt., and was educated in the Academies of Peacham and Barre, Vt., and the Bridgewater State Normal School. Feb. 3, 1874, he was united in marriage to Georgia M. Lander in Boston. After twenty years of devoted service to the Avery School, and seemingly in the mid-career of his usefulness, Mr. Howard died, April 6, 1901. The school committee placed on record their high appreciation of his long and faithful services.

From Feb., 1880, to Feb., 1886, Flora Claribel Ingraham was a teacher in the Avery School. She had taught in Dover from Sept., 1879, to Feb., 1880. From Feb., 1886, to Sept., 1888, she taught in Waltham, from the last date to the present has taught in Cambridge. As in all her previous engagements, she is still doing grammar school work and with entire success. She is the daughter of George Lewis and Nancy Angenette (Butterworth) Ingraham, born in South Dedham, educated there and in the Normal School of Providence, R. I. She still resides in her native town.

Frank Morton King was master of the Colburn School 1880-81, having previously taught three years in Bridgewater. After leaving Dedham he was master of the Washington School of Quincy two years, sub-master in the Bigelow ten years, in the Gibson, Dorchester District, Boston, four years, and master of the Minot eight years. He has also taught eight years in the Boston Evening High School. He is the son of Francis D. and M. A. King of Bridgewater; educated at the Academy, High School and State Normal School of his native town. He married first Cerilla R. Richardson; second Elizabeth Crawford; resided at 231 Bushnell Street, Dorchester, Jan. 12, 1904.

During the winter of 1880-1 Marietta Genevieve Metcalf

was assistant teacher in the Oakdale School; from the fall of 1881 to March 1, 1884 was mistress of the Endicott. She is the daughter of Ellis and Catherine (Devine) Metcalf, educated in the Dedham schools, receiving a diploma for four years in the High School. She married Frank N. Partridge, and on Jan. 24, 1904, resided in Ashmont.

The Endicott School 1880-81 was well instructed by Ada Maria Frost, and the next twenty-three years, 1881 to 1904, the Oakdale has had the benefit of her teaching. She had previously taught in Lexington; but Dedham owes her a large debt for long and devoted service. She is the daughter of John Hodgman and Elizabeth (Low) Frost, and a native of Maine. She was educated in Concord, Mass., and by a four years course in the Framingham Normal School, and here we are tempted to quote: "How often it happens that the most useful lives are described in the fewest words."

The Colburn School, primary department, was in charge of Cerilla Rosalie Richardson, from 1880 to 1882. She had previously taught very successfully in Dover, Medway and Newton. She was a native of Winthrop, the daughter of Howard and Abby (Crosby) Richardson, educated in the Boston Grammar and High Schools. She was united in marriage to Frank Morton King, and resided in Bridgewater where she died Feb. 24, 1884.

From Sept. 1880 to April 1882 the Fisher School was in charge of Lizzie Catherine Tucker, who taught in the Everett School of Norwood from 1882 to 1892, and was principal of the Guild School of the same town from 1892 to 1898. She is the daughter of George Harris and Ann Frances Tucker, born in Boston, and educated in the Norwood public schools, and the Rev. Calvin S. Locke's private school. April 6, 1898, she was married in Boston to Edwin M. Stanton Chandler, and April 1, 1904, resided at 39 Porter Street, Taunton.

From Sept. 1880 to Jan. 1884 Helen Frederica Page taught in the Avery and Ames Schools about an equal time in each;

from Jan. 1884 to June 1889, in the New Britain, Conn., Normal School; from Nov. 1889 to June 1894, in the Willimantic Conn., Normal School, and in the Harvard School, Chicago, since Sept. 1894, to the present time. She has been doing the excellent work which her position implies and demands. She is the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary Crane (Drake) Page, born in Dedham, and educated in her public schools, receiving a four years diploma at the High School, and graduating from the Salem State Normal. Her present P. O. address is 3158 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Dedham's first kindergartner was Delia Flint Starrett who taught in the Ames School from 1881 to 1884. Before her kindergarten training she taught in Charlton Schools from 1873 to 1877, after it during nearly three years, 1878 to 1881, she was engaged in a private kindergarten on Newbury Street, Boston. She is the daughter of Charles Thomas and Sarah Sprague (Healey) Starrett, born in Thomaston, Maine, educated in the public schools of Charlton and Dedham, Worcester Academy, and by a normal course of instruction in Kindergarten with Mrs. S. S. Ropes in Boston. She was married Oct. 1, 1884, in Charlton to Frank W. White, and in 1904 they resided at Wollaston, (Quincy), Mass.

The Islington School 1881-2 was in charge of Mrs. Myra Augusta Sweetser; the second or third grade of the Ames, from 1882 to 1885. She is the daughter of John and Hannah P. (Noble) Spurr, born in Boston and educated in Stoneham Grammar and High Schools, and by special work with private teachers in Boston and Dedham. She was married in Stoneham to Francis K. Sweetser, Jan. 12, 1863, and now resides at Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.

Ellen Agnes Barden began to teach in the Avery School in 1882 and continued there through 1895. The daughter of Michael and Alice Barden of Hyde Park, she graduated from the Hyde Park High School, and the Dedham Training Class which was conducted by the Superintendent of Schools.

Henrietta Frances Howell was a substitute teacher in the Dedham Schools, chiefly the Oakdale, in 1882 and 1883, but became the efficient mistress of the Endicott in 1884, and so continued four years till her health failed in 1888. She is the daughter of John and Eliza Howell, born in Dedham, and educated in the public schools, receiving a diploma of the four years course in the High School. Her residence in 1904 was Milton Street, East Dedham.

In Sept. 1882, Janet Graham Hutchins began to teach in the Ames School, and continued about eight months when she was elected to a good position in the Oliver School of Lawrence; in 1884 she was made assistant principal of the Lawrence Training School; in 1887 she became principal of the Normal Practice School in Lewiston, Maine, and filled the place creditably till July, 1889. She is the daughter of George H. and Mary (Chisholm) Hutchins, born in Dedham, and a graduate of the four years course at the High School, and of an advanced course, the regular course of two and a half years with French and German added, at the Bridgewater State Normal. On Sept. 26, 1889, she was married to John O. Whitney of Barryville, N. Y., and went to reside in Illinois, and in 1893 removed to Saginaw, Mich., but in 1898 they returned to Dedham which was their residence Jan. 12, 1904.

From Jan. 1882 to April 1887 the Colburn School was thoroughly taught by Edward Jones Cox. Then he accepted the position of sub-master in the Haverhill High School and held it from Oct. 1887 to July 1888. In Sept. 1888, he became principal of the Norwell High School and so remained till March 1890; then was principal of the Cohasset High until July 1891. From this position he went to superintend the schools of Sudbury, 1891 to 1894, meanwhile being a member of the Cohasset School Board, elected March 1892, and principal of the Sudbury High from 1891 to July 1894. In Nov. 1895 he began to teach in the Lowell School of Boston as assistant, but was elected sub-master in Jan. 1897 and so con-

tinues. All this implies that Mr. Cox was born for a teacher. He is the son of John and Eleanor (Jones) Cox of Dedham, where he was educated till he completed the four years course of the High School. Then he passed through the four years course of the Bridgewater Normal. He married Belle L. Nye of South Scituate Oct. 6, 1883. Besides teaching, Mr. Cox finds time to write papers for patriotic societies, such as The Sons of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Descendants, being himself a member of both these organizations; also to compose songs, both words and music, for school use. His present residence is 64 Brooks Avenue, Newtonville, Mass.

The Islington School from 1882 to 1887 was in charge of Mary Crowell Jenkins, who had previously taught in South Yarmouth and Dennis. After leaving the Islington she had charge of schools in Everett and Yarmouth, and was at one time a member of the School Board of Yarmouth. She was the daughter of Elisha and Mary Gage (Crowell) Jenkins of South Yarmouth, where she died in June, 1895.

From 1882 to the present Jennie Vincent McManus has been a highly approved teacher in the Quincy School. She is the daughter of Patrick Henry and Bridget (Coleman) McManus, born in Dedham and educated in her public schools from primary to graduation of the four years course in the High. Her present residence is at 16 Mt. Vernon Street, Dedham.

Harriet Agnes Randlett was a teacher in the Colburn School one year, 1882-3, and in the Ames two years, 1883-5, having previously taught in Berlin and Marlborough. She is the daughter of Nathaniel and Maria Louisa (Robbe) Randlett, born in Northborough, educated in the public schools of her native town. She was married there April 28, 1886, to Edward Irving Morse of Marlborough, where she has since resided; and her occupation, as she herself describes it, "has been simply that of housekeeper and home-maker for her husband and two sons."

From April, 1882, to the last of June, 1888, the Fisher School was well instructed by Lilla Fayette Rowley. She was the daughter of Lafayette and Eliza Ann (Worth) Rowley, born in Edgartown, educated in Rev. C. S. Locke's Private School and in a Normal Training class of the Superintendent of Dedham schools. She was married Oct. 1, 1888, at the Norwood Baptist Church to Woodhull W. Davis of Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Davis both taught in Jamesburg, New Jersey, till his death in Dec., 1895. Mrs. Davis has been seven years a teacher in the "Connecticut School for Boys" in Meriden, Conn., and is now so employed.

From 1882 to 1890 Mary J. Shea was an assistant in the Quiney School. After many inquiries I can give no other facts, but it is evident from the length of her service that she was an approved teacher.

In the spring term of 1882 Genevieve Smith took charge of the primary class of the Dexter School for a year; then taught the same grade till 1885 in Milford; in 1886 took the primary class of the Falmouth Centre School till 1890, when she returned to Dedham to be mistress of the Burgess School, 1890-91. She is the daughter of Eliphalet and Mary Ann (Cochrane) Smith, born in Foxboro, educated in Miss Gray's private school, Foxboro, and the public schools of Dedham. She was married at Dedham, Sept. 9, 1891, to William Harrison Hewins of Falmouth, Mass., where she still resides.

Elizabeth Florence Dowd began to teach in the Oakdale School in 1883 and was transferred to a more responsible place in the Avery in 1885, remaining there till January, 1887. She is the daughter of Felix and Mary Dowd, born in Dedham, and received a diploma of four years at the High School. She was married to Dr. J. F. Ferry in Dedham, Jan. 27, 1887. Their residence in January, 1904, was at 263 Elm Street, Cambridge, Mass.

The teacher of Drawing in the High School and Superintendent of that branch in the town from 1883 to 1886 was M.

Louise Field, a resident of Boston, and graduate of the Massachusetts Normal Art School, where she was for several years a teacher. Her home was with the Rev. Dr. Alonzo Miner, she being a niece of Mrs. Miner, where she was treated with the affection due to an own daughter.

The Dexter School for one year, 1883-4, was in charge of Bessie Emilie Howes, who had previously, 1880 to 1883, taught in East Dennis. Since leaving Dedham she has taught as follows: 1884 to 1893 in the Welch Training School, New Haven, Conn., six years as critic teacher, three years as principal; 1893-4 principal of Training School, Fitchburg; from 1894 to 1897, she was assistant superintendent of schools in Worcester; 1897-8 she was a student at Radcliffe College. Since 1898 she has been principal of the Bridgeport, Conn., City Normal School. She is the daughter of Alexander and Bessie Emilie Howes, born in Billerica, and educated in the schools of East Dennis and the State Normal of Bridgewater. She resided in Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 1904.

Two years, 1883 to 1885, Carrie A. Lyle was an efficient teacher in the Ames School. In the town report her residence was given as Gloucester.

Laura Howes Robbins was a teacher in the Avery School, 1883 to 1885. She had taught in Dennisport, Harwich and Canton. After leaving Dedham she taught in Leominster eight years; in Leicester seven years, and was teaching in Dennis, Jan. 1904. She is the daughter of Daniel Howes and Jedida Snow (Sears) Robbins, born in West Brewster, educated in the public schools of Dennis where she resided Jan. 21, 1904.

The Oakdale School 1883-4-5 had for its master, Charles Morris Sargent, who had previously when a student in college taught several terms of ungraded schools in Bradford and Concord, N. H. After graduating he was for a year principal of a grammar school in Concord; then a year of Hopkinton Academy, and the following year of Contoocook Academy in the same town. From Dec. 1881 to Jan. 1883 he was princi-

pal of the High School of Bolton, Mass. In 1892-3-4 he was principal of the public schools of Eatontown, N. J.; was also principal of the Evening School three years in Dedham, and one year in Malden. He is the son of Charles Dennis and Keziah (Sanborn) Sargent, born in Springfield, N.H., educated at Colby Academy, New London, N. H., and Bates College, Lewiston, Me.; degrees A. B. and A. M. class of 1879. In 1886 he was elected to the school board of Dedham. At that time he was a clerk in Boston Custom House; then for a while was in a Teachers' Agency, Boston. In 1894 he took a position in D. Appleton & Co's publishing house retaining it eight years; in Oct. 1902, connected himself with the publishing firm of Merrill & Baker, New York City, having charge of their Boston territory, and was located at 587 Tremont Street, Feb. 6, 1904.

From Feb. 1883 to Oct. 1885 the master's assistant in the Avery School was Emily Wheeler Strong. She had previously taught seven terms in district schools at Orford and Plymouth, N. H., and five months in Plymouth, N. H. Normal School. Since leaving Dedham she has taught in the Harvard School of Cambridge one term, and in the training department of the Wisconsin State Normal School of Milwaukee, seventeen and one-half years. She is the daughter of Ephraim Bayley and Amanda Jane (Page) Strong, born in Orford, N. H.; educated in the district schools of her native town, and at the Plymouth, N. H. State Normal. She is now, 1904, a special supervisor in the Milwaukee Normal School, but her summer residence is at Orfordville, N. H.

For the summer term of 1884 Carrie Maria Bassett was first assistant in the High School. She taught seven years in the Sandwich High, and at least five years in that of Braintree prior to 1890. She was the daughter of Joseph S. and Abbie (Richards) Bassett, born in Sandwich, Feb. 19, 1856, and educated in the public schools of Sandwich, and under private teachers in Boston. The date of her death which was reported from Sandwich has not been ascertained.

In Jan. 1884 Maria Antoinette Humphreys began her teaching by a term of six months in the Colburn School. Then she taught a year in Mrs. Monroe Chickering's School in Dorchester. In the fall of 1886 she took a position in the Avery; from there was transferred to the Ames in Jan. 1888, where she remained two and a half years. In Sept. 1893 she began in Norwood and taught two years; in 1895 she went to Miss Davis's private school in Roxbury where she taught five years; in 1900 she opened her own private school in Dedham which is now, 1904, in its fourth year, and taught in her own house. She is the daughter of James and Mary (Ripley) Humphreys, born in Jamaica Plain, educated in the schools of Dedham, having received a four years diploma at the High School. Her residence and private school are at 9 Marsh Street, Dedham.

In 1884 the Burgess School and in 1885-6 the primary department of the Colburn were in the care of Sarah Elizabeth Drugan. She is the daughter of William F. and Mary E. Drugan, born in South Dedham, educated in the Dedham Schools, receiving a diploma at the High School for three years. She was married in 1887 to F. L. Gould of East Walpole where she now resides, and is a member of the Town School Committee.

Guy Carleton Channell was the popular sub-master in the High School from Sept. 1884 to April, 1888, when he was elected Superintendent of the Dedham Schools, which office he retained till April, 1890. He was also Superintendent of Schools in Melrose, 1890 to 1893; since that date he has been engaged in business. He is the son of Daniel Chapman and Phoebe Ann (Pinkham) Channell, born in Charlestown, educated in the public schools of Reading, and the Bridgewater State Normal. He was an excellent teacher, and many think he made a mistake when he abandoned that calling. He resides in Dedham.

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From Sept. 1884 to the end of June 1886, Mary McSkimmon taught a class in the Avery School, having previously taught a year each in Hampden, Me., and Pocasset, Mass. Leaving Dedham she was a teacher in Boston six years; three in the Dwight School and three in the Dudley. The last eleven years she has been principal of the Pierce School of Brookline. She is the daughter of David and Mary (Clarke) McSkimmon, born in Bangor, Me., and educated in the Bangor High School. Her residence Feb. 1904, was at 13 Putnam Street, Roxbury, Mass.

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The fourth grade of the Avery School from 1885 to June 1892 was in charge of Josephine Amanda Dustin who had previously been a teacher in the public schools of Methuen, and in the Robinson Female Seminary of Exeter, N. H. She is the daughter of William Lewey and Grata (Pollard) Dustin, born in Lowell, Mass., and educated in its public schools and the Abbott Academy of Andover. Since leaving Dedham she has not been a teacher, and now, March, 1904, resides at 286 Rock Street, Fall River.

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Helen Clinton, at Sea Cliff, N. Y. His residence was in Millis, Mass. March 30, 1904.

From 1885 to 1887 the Riverdale School was in charge of Julia Gertrude Kennedy; since that time to the present, 1904, she has taught with no interruption a grade in the Ames School, where we need not say she has done highly acceptable service. She is the daughter of John and Mary (Ryan) Kennedy, born in Dedham, and educated in her schools from primary through a four years course in the High School. She resides on Eastern Avenue, Dedham.

The first grade of the Ames School since 1885 has been taught by Maria Frances Kingsbury. Nineteen years of conscientious work on plastic minds is an honorable record. She is the daughter of Edgar Henry and Maria Frances (Byrne) Kingsbury, born in Dedham, educated in the public schools, from primary through a four years course in the High School, supplemented by a course in music at the New England Conservatory, 1884-5. She resides on High Street, Dedham.

The Dexter School for the year 1885-6 was in charge of Arabella Elizabeth Park who had taught in the Everett of Norwood the two previous years. After leaving the Dexter she opened a private school in her home at Norwood and managed it several years very successfully. She was the daughter of Rev. Harrison G. and Elizabeth (Bird) Park; born in Burlington, Mass., and educated in the Dedham Schools, receiving a diploma for four years in the High School, also graduated from the Boston Normal School in 1873. By natural gifts and solid acquirements she was well qualified for the duties of a teacher, but her chosen work was not to continue. After an illness of several weeks she died in Norwood, Nov. 24, 1891.

Ella F. Stroelin was an assistant in the Oakdale School in 1885. Her later history has not been learned though careful inquiry has been made.

Gertrude Parsons Wilder taught a class in the Ames School from 1885 till 1889. She had previously taught in

Brockton. She is the daughter of David Parsons and Mary Harding (Partridge) Wilder, born in Winnetka, Illinois, educated in the schools of Medway and the Bridgewater State Normal. In Jan. 1904, she resided in Medway.

In the autumn of 1886 Sarah Breck Baker opened a private school in Dedham Village and continued it till the summer of 1898. Beginning with ten pupils her number increased considerably, reaching at one time a maximum of thirty, ages varying from five to fifteen years, the majority passing on to the High School. She is the daughter of Thomas Joel and Cynthia Ann (Breck) Baker, born in Medfield, educated in Dedham Schools including the four years course of the High. Of late years up to the present she has managed the business of the firm of Thomas J. Baker & Son, established by her father on Court Street, Dedham.

James Horace Burdett began to teach in Dedham as master of the Oakdale School in May 1886. In October of the same year he was put in charge of the Ames School and so continued with marked success till Dec. 1894. He is the son of Jerome Smith and Emily Holman (Faulkner) Burdett of Clinton, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, and since Dec. 1894, has been a sub-master in Boston Schools; resident chiefly in Dedham.

Lucy Alice Colburn was an approved teacher in the Oakdale School from 1886 to 1892, having previously spent one year as Assistant in the Pierce Primary School of Brookline. She is the daughter of James Perrin and Cordelia (Merrifield) Colburn, born in West Dedham where she was educated in the public schools and in Rev. C. S. Locke's Private School, supplemented by a course in the Brookline Training School. She was married Oct. 19, 1893, to Elmer Lewis Curtiss at Newton Upper Falls. At the present time, Jan. 12, 1904, they reside in Hingham.

Since 1886 music in the Dedham Schools has been under the direction of Samuel Winkley Cole. During most of this

period he has been Director of Music in the Brookline Public Schools; of Solfeggio and the Public School Music Department in the New England Conservatory, and of Peoples' Singing Classes in Boston, and entirely successful in all these positions. Under his instruction the pupils of the High School have made such proficiency as to qualify them to give concerts and oratorios that attracted good audiences in Boston and elsewhere. With his direction "The Creation" of Haydn was given entire in Boston at Tremont Temple in April, 1890, and "The Messiah" of Handel, in Dedham at Memorial Hall in March, 1891, by the Dedham High School Chorus, assisted by professional soloists. He is the son of Converse and Mary Ann (Winkley) Cole, born in Meriden, N. H., and educated at Kimball Union Academy, the New England Conservatory of Music and by private instructors. He resided in Boston, Jan. 1904.

An instance of long and acceptable service in teaching is seen in Margaret Remick Lynas who began to teach in the Avery School in 1886 and was still doing her honest work there, Jan. 1905. She had taught in East Bridgewater in 1885. She is the daughter of Jackson and Margaret (Moodie) Lynas, born in Glasgow, Scotland. She began her education in the public schools of Glasgow, continued it in the Fisher and Ames, and graduated from the four years course of the Dedham High School in 1884. Her present residence is in Islington, Westwood. Her generous assistance in the preparation of this record deserves acknowledgment.

Ethel A. Littlefield had charge of the Burgess School from 1886 to 1888. Other facts relating to her history we have not found means to obtain.

From 1886 to 1888 Annie G. Malloy was First Assistant in the Avery School. Her merits as a teacher soon proved a temptation to some city committee who by more liberal pay removed her from Dedham, but whither we are not able to state.

Alice Maud Spaulding taught drawing in the Dedham High School from Sept. 1886 to June 1887. She also taught the same with good success in Boston. She is the daughter of Erastus Gardner and Frances Maria Spaulding, born in Dedham, and a graduate of the three years course at the High School, and also of the Boston Normal Art School. In 1889, March 28, she was married in Dedham to Herbert L. Hemenway, and for a time resided in Springfield, Mass.

From Sept. 1887 to July 1892 Helen Maria Canning was a very capable teacher in the Avery School; in Oct. 1893, she entered the service of the City of Boston in the Lincoln District where she still teaches. She is the daughter of Francis and Mary F. Canning, born in Dedham, received a four years diploma in the High School, studied in the Advanced Class of the Boston Girls' High, and a year in the Normal to June 1887. East Dedham was her residence, Nov. 1904.

Alice Estelle Draper did excellent work in the primary department of the Colburn School four years, 1887 to 1891. She is the daughter of Frank Willard and Louisa (Ellis) Draper, born in West Dedham, and educated in the schools there and one year at the High School, receiving a diploma for four years course. She also enjoyed the advantages of the Bridgewater State Normal School. Sept. 29, 1891, she was united in marriage to Fred Augustus Baker, and they have since resided in Dedham.

In 1887-8 Emma Frances Mack taught in the Avery School the seventh grade, having previous experience in Amherst, N. H. one term, and in Holliston, Mass. one year and a half. After leaving Dedham she was supervisor in the Bridgeport Conn. Training School. She is the daughter of William Abbott and Mary (Batchelder) Mack, born in Amherst, N. H., and educated in the Lowell High School, Framingham State Normal and Boston University. She was married April 15, 1891, in Lowell, to Samuel H. Thompson,

President of the Thompson Hardware Co., and her present residence is School Street, Lowell.

In 1887-8 Emma J. Shackley was mistress of the Islington School. Other information is wanting.

From Sept. 1887 to June 1891 Anna Rebecca Slafter taught drawing in the High School, also was supervisor of drawing in the other public schools of the town. She is the daughter of Carlos and Rebecca (Bullard) Slafter, born in Dedham and educated in its public schools, receiving a diploma of the four years course of study in the High School. In 1883 she graduated with honor from the full course at the Boston Normal Art School; and, from that year to 1887, taught penmanship and drawing in the State Normal School at Westfield. April 24, 1895, she was married in Dedham to Calvin Countryman of Rockford, Illinois, where she now resides, finding time in her leisure hours to cultivate art as her favorite pursuit and recreation.

From 1887 to 1892 Adelaide Isabella Smith taught in the Avery School. She is the daughter of Alfred Monroe and Mary Jane (Keagan) Smith, born in Dedham and educated in the Dedham High and the Bridgewater State Normal Schools. For several years after teaching in Dedham, she was in the employ of the State, as agent to look after the poor children placed in homes. At present she resides in Dedham and is bookkeeper for the Dean Chase Co. of Boston.

In the Oakdale School, 1887 to 1891, the First Assistant was Alice Augusta Smith. She first taught in Randolph; then in North Stoughton; but soon returning to the North Grammar School of Randolph had charge of the fifth and sixth grades till she came to Oakdale. From the Oakdale she went to Somerset and has taught ever since in the same room in the North Primary School. She is the daughter of George and Sarah (Tucker) Smith, born in Randolph, and educated in her schools including the High School course, and was residing there Jan. 22, 1904.

From Oct. 1888 to June 27, 1890 Mrs. Annie E. Abrahams was Second Assistant in the High School. She was educated in the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and the Female College at Kent's Hill, Me. She left Dedham to teach in some Western city, the name of which is not ascertained.

The Burgess School had as a master 1888-9 Frank A. Balch. I have found no one able to give further information concerning him.

The work of instruction in Sewing was discontinued for several years, but was resumed in the Spring of 1888, when Mary Elizabeth Cormerais was put in charge of it. She taught nine hours each week, having three classes at the Ames, three at the Avery, and one each at the Quincy, Dexter and Oakdale. Her statement is as follows: "The first work given was a cloth on which to practise the different stitches before making a bag to keep their materials in; a pillow slip was the next piece of work, and then aprons, towels and skirts were made. In the third year mending, darning and button holes followed." She found the work interesting but had not the strength to continue it after 1890. She is the daughter of Henry and Mary Otis (Sampson) Cormerais, born in Dedham, educated in its schools including three years in the High School, and in 1904 was still a resident there at 22 Linden Place.

From 1888 to 1902 the principal of the Oakdale School was Elmer Lewis Curtiss. He had taught in Milford 1884 to 1886; Bridgewater, fall of 1886; Stoughton (now Avon), 1887 to 1888. He is the son of Augustus B. and Francis A. (McCannon) Curtiss of Derby, Conn., born June 11, 1861. He was educated in the Dwight School of New Haven, Conn. and the Bridgewater State Normal. Married Lucy Alice Colburn, Oct. 19, 1893, at Newton Upper Falls; superintended the schools of Sandwich, Bourne and Marshpee, 1892-3; of Hingham and Cohasset, 1893 to 1898. Was admitted to the

Massachusetts Bar March, 1898, and has practised law in Hingham to the present time.

Emma Gertrude Dudley from 1888 to 1896 was a very acceptable teacher in the Avery School. The daughter of Dean and Mary E. Dudley of Boston, she was trained in the Elementary Schools of Boston, the High School of Wakefield and the Salem Normal School. She is now, Jan. 1904, teaching in New Dorchester, her residence being at 8 Armandine Street.

Amy Isabel Gay was mistress of the Fisher School four years, 1888-1892, having previously taught in Holliston, Milford, New Braintree and Middleboro. After leaving Dedham she taught in Norwood. She is the daughter of William and Henrietta (Travis) Gay, born in Holliston, and educated in its public schools and the Framingham State Normal. Feb. 8, 1899, she was married in Peabody to Ralph Thomas Jackson, and her residence March 25, 1904, was at 14 Beethoven Street, Roxbury, Mass.

The Islington School from 1888 to 1891 was in charge of Clara Carroll Hewins. She then taught as substitute in the Ames a few months, and from there went to teach in Jamaica Plain. There for the last eight years, 1896 to 1904, she has been the efficient First Assistant in a large private school for boys and girls. She is the daughter of George and Harriet Whiting (Carroll) Hewins, born in Dedham, educated in the public schools; a four years graduate of the High School and of the Bridgewater State Normal. She resides in Dedham.

In April 1888 George Frederic Joyce was elected sub-master of the High School. He had previously taught the High Schools of Wolfboro, N. H. and Merrimac, Mass. His specialty while sub-master was chemistry and physics. In Sept. 1892, he became Principal of the school and still, Jan. 1905, fills that responsible position. He is the son of George Frederic and Reliance Hudson (Tucker) Joyce, born in Boston, and educated in the Boston and Brookline public schools

and Harvard College. He married in 1884 Villa Arletta Saunders at East New Sharon, Maine; in 1898, Aug. 25, Caroline Alden Carroll in Dedham, and in 1904, Dec. 24, Marion Josephine Wendell in Boston. Mr. Joyce is active in various organizations for the moral, social and intellectual improvement of Dedham. In every good cause his help is available.

In April 1888 Nellie Genevieve Kelley began to teach in the Riverdale School and continued there till June 1889; then from Sept. 1889 to June 1895, was in the Quincy; from Sept. 1895 to April 1902 in the Avery; April 14, 1902 began teaching in the West Concord Street School, Boston, where she is at present, Jan. 20, 1904, "happily employed." She is the daughter of Patrick and Mary Kelley, born in Dedham, educated in the Dedham Schools including the four years course of the High School faithfully pursued. She resides in East Dedham.

From April 1888 to June 1890 Sarah Jane Storms was an Assistant in the High School, having previously taught in Leicester Academy. She is the daughter of Simmon Pena and Sarah Jane (Stevens) Storms, born in San Francisco, Cal. She fitted for college in the Newton High School, and graduated at Wellesley College, degree of B. S., 1883. She left her position in the High School to pursue studies in Germany. Since her return she is said to have devoted herself to her favorite pursuit of teaching, but where we have not been able to ascertain.

Dolly Lepha Wales was mistress of the Endicott School six years, 1887 to 1893. She was then transferred to the Oakdale and in 1903 had charge of the fifth and sixth grades. Now, in 1904, some change in her grade may have occurred, but that she is still in the school is to the scholars and their parents cause for felicitation. She is the daughter of Samuel Milton and Abbie (Simons) Wales, born in Williamstown, Vt., educated in the Dedham Schools, receiving a well-earned

four years diploma at the High School. She resides in Oakdale, East Dedham.

The Burgess School was in charge of Mr. S. B. Buck, 1889-90. What he did before or has done since has not been ascertained.

Lucy A. Hall taught in the Avery School from 1889 till 1891. She is said to have married a Mr. Stevens, resided near Boston, but died soon afterwards.

Laura Madeline Hewins was a teacher in the Ames School one year, 1889-90. The next year she taught in Boston, and in 1888-9 had taught in Medfield. She is the daughter of James and Jane Georgianna (Stedman) Hewins, born in Boston, and educated in the Medfield public schools and the Framingham Normal. She was married in 1891 to Henry Bradford Lewis at Medfield and resided in Andover, Mass., but at the present time lives in Lawrence.

In 1889-90 Susan H. Lane was a teacher in the Ames School. Other information concerning her has been sought in vain.

Lizzie Margaret Shine from 1889 to 1891 was Secretary of the Superintendent of Schools, and substitute teacher; in 1891 she took charge of the Islington School, in which she faithfully served the Town of Dedham six years, and Westwood six. Having passed the Boston Teachers' Examination, she resigned Islington in June, 1903, and has since been teaching both day and evening classes in the Eliot School of Boston. She is the daughter of James and Anna M. Shine, born and educated in Dedham, a graduate of the four years course at the High School, and in 1904 was still a resident of Dedham.

The Union School in 1890-1 was under the instruction of Emily Bertha Stefan. She is the daughter of Adelbert and Anna Veronica Stefan, born in Boston, educated four years at the Dedham High School, and later a graduate of the Bridgewater State Normal School. She taught first in Lakeville.

Annie G. Carpenter taught a grade in the Ames School 1890-91. Other particulars are wanting.

In September, 1890, Mary Rosetta Fitch was elected second assistant in the High School; resigned in June, 1891. She had taught two years in the Stetson High School of Randolph. She is the daughter of Seymour Boughton and Mary (Gregory) Fitch, born in Walton, N. Y., prepared for college in Walton Union School, and graduated from Vassar, A. B. in 1887. She was married Sept. 2, 1891, in Charlestown, to Rev. Charles C. Pierce, and went to reside in Oneonta, N. Y.

From Sept., 1890, to Dec., 1891, Mary Chapman Hardy was an able assistant in the High School, having previously taught one year in a private school, Washington, D. C., two years in Clinton College, Kentucky, and one year in the Arlington High School. Since leaving Dedham she has taught in the Cambridge Latin School, residing at 54 Lake Street, Arlington, Mass. She is the daughter of Rodney Joel and Sarah Elizabeth (Tenny) Hardy, born in Cambridge and educated in the public schools of Arlington, and at Smith College.

Two years, 1890 to 1892, the Dexter School was in charge of Susan B. Holmes. I have failed to obtain additional facts of her history.

From 1890 to 1894 Isabella Jane Mulkern was a teacher in the Ames School. She is said to be teaching now in Boston. She is the daughter of John and Jane (Abberton) Mulkern, born in Dedham and educated in the public schools through the four years course of the High School, and is still a resident of the town.

The Riverdale School in 1890-'91 and '92, and in 1892-3 the Oakdale had as one of its teachers Cora Belle Wheeler, who had previously taught in Hudson and Goffstown, N. H., Clinton, Mass., and Nashua, N. H., from which place she was called to Dedham. Later she taught again in Nashua, then from 1897 to 1903 in Somerville, Mass. She is the daughter of George Freeman and Charlotte (Beswell) Wheeler, born in

Hollis, N. H., Dec. 25, 1864. She attended Hollis High School and later graduated from the High School of Nashua. She was married Sept. 16, 1903, to Willis Henry Blanchard of Nashua. She taught school 18 years, has been a frequent contributor to educational journals, and is treasurer of the Nashua Woman's Club, residing at 18 Courtland Street, where she says her "duties as home keeper command her chief attention."

Wilhelmina Nora Dranga began her art instruction in Dedham as supervisor of drawing and teaching in the High School, Sept. 1891 to June 1892; continued it as teacher in the High School, 1894-5; as supervisor, 1895 to 1903. She was also supervisor in Chelsea, 1892 to 1903; instructor in the Mass. Normal Art School, Boston, 1891 to 1903. She is the daughter of Niles Gabriel Olousen and Emily (Ogden) Dranga, born in Otsego, Wisconsin; educated in San Diego, Cal. public schools; San Jose, Cal. Normal Training School; University of Southern Cal., Los. Angeles; Mass. Normal Art School, Boston, and by private instruction in Boston. She was married April 4, 1903, to Charles F. F. Campbell in Boston, where she resided Jan 20, 1904.

Edith Giles was elected Second Assistant in the High School, Sept. 1891; resigned Jan. 1892. She is the daughter of John J. and Abbie (Stevens) Giles, born in Boston, educated three years in the Dedham High School and later at the Chauncey Hall of Boston. She taught for several years a private School in Oakdale.

In 1891 the Burgess School was under the instruction of Gertrude L. Merritt.

For one year, 1891-2, Jennie Mary Thorne taught a class in the Ames School. She had previously taught in Wayne, Winthrop, Rangely and Deering, Me., between 1880 and 1887; in Wallingford, Conn., 1887 to 1890. She is the daughter of James H. and Mary Jane (Norris) Thorne, born in Wayne, Me., educated in the public schools of her

native town, and in both the regular and advanced courses of the Farmington State Normal. She was married Aug. 15, 1872, to Alfred F. Johnson of Wayne, Ill., where she now resides. Since her marriage, Mrs. Johnson has taught two years in the public schools of Wayne, including one year as principal of the High School; has served two years on the School Board; has taught several terms a private school for young children, using Kindergarten methods, and is thus engaged at the present time, Jan. 1904. No one can doubt her statement that she is "still much interested in educational matters."

The Union School, 1892-3, was instructed by Winifred E. Bates.

During the year 1892-3 the fourth grade of the Ames School was in charge of Flora Emeline Billings. In Sept., '93, she left to teach the fifth grade of the Webster School, Cambridge, where she remained three years. In 1896 she began to teach in the Christopher Gibson School of Boston, and has taught in succession the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, the last of which is now under her care. She is the daughter of George Russell and Emeline Matilda (Dickenson) Billings, born in Canton, educated in her public schools, and at the Bridgewater State Normal. At this date, Jan., 1904, her home is in Canton.

Mary Blanchard Bonney taught the primary department of the Colburn School in 1892, and the fifth grade of the Ames in 1893. Ill health forbade her teaching longer. She was the daughter of Henry Clay and Florence (Bridge) Bonney, born in Dedham, educated in the Dedham High and the Bridgewater State Normal Schools. She removed to Denver, Colorado, and died there Sept. 19, 1895. Her memory is fondly cherished by many friends.

From 1892, about two years, Harriet Eliza Brazee was a teacher in the Avery School, having previously taught at Miller's Falls, Montague. She is the daughter of Andrew and Laura Victoria (Smith) Brazee of Sheffield, where she began

her education, continuing it at the Elmwood Seminary, Glen's Falls, New York, N. E. Conservatory of Music, Boston, and in special branches under private teachers. Since leaving Dedham she has made special study of Physiology and Hygiene and modern methods of caring for the sick. As Physician's Assistant she has studied medicine and is at the present time Vice-President of "the Ladies' Physiological Institute of Boston and vicinity," which was formed in 1848, and incorporated in 1850. Its object is thus defined: "To promote among women a knowledge of the human system, the laws of life and health, the means of relieving sickness and suffering." Miss Brazee's business address is 131 Tremont Street, Boston; her residence, 254 West Newton Street.

In September, 1893, Isabel E. Clark was appointed to the primary division of the Colburn School, and remained one year; then she was transferred to the second grade of the Avery; two years later to the sixth grade of the same school, from which she resigned in 1902, to teach in Boston. She is the daughter of James T. and Isabel C. Clark, born in Dedham and educated in her schools, graduating from the four years course of the High in 1891; also from the Boston Normal in January, 1893. Her residence in Jan., 1904, was at 569 River Street, Mattapan, Mass.

"Sloyd" was taught by Anna V. Comins from 1893 to 1897 in the Old High School House on Highland Street.

In February, 1892, Mabel Gair Curtis was appointed as Assistant in the High School, a position she filled very creditably till June, 1903. She had taught from Sept., 1890, in the Westboro High School, and is now, Jan. 20, 1904, a teacher in the Somerville Latin School. She is the daughter of Nelson and Jane Elizabeth (Gilbert) Curtis, born in Boston, educated in the schools of Newton Centre; High School two years; Girls' Latin of Boston, class of '86; and Wellesley College, class of '90. Jan. 20, 1904, her residence was 829 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Blanche I. George was assistant teacher of drawing in 1892-3.

The Endicott School of 1893-4 was in charge of Edna Hilton, who resigned her position for a more attractive one in the High School of Randolph, remaining there from 1895 to 1898, since which time she has continued to teach in the Brockton High School. She is the daughter of Rev. Charles Augustus and Sarah Adelaide (Carpenter) Hilton, born in Frankfort, Illinois, completing her education in the Chelsea High School and Boston University. She resided in Brockton, Jan. 5, 1904.

For one year, from Sept., 1892, C. Belle Kenny, S. B., was the science teacher of the High School, having previously, 1887 to 1888, taught in Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, Md.; Mt. Holyoke College, 1888 to 1890; High School, Portsmouth, N. H., 1890 to 1892. From 1893 to 1896 she taught in Howard Seminary, West Bridgewater; and since 1896 has been to the present teaching in the Quincy Mansion School, Quincy. She is the daughter of Samuel G. and Susan (Nason) Kenny, born in Boston and educated in the schools of that city, including primary, Grammar, High and Institute of Technology. Her home residence is at 94 West Street, Reading, Mass.

In 1893-4 Marion Helena Lamson was an assistant in the High School, having had some previous experience as a substitute teacher in the Northampton High School. Since teaching in Dedham she has done private tutoring only. She is the daughter of Charles M. and Helena F. (Bridgman) Lamson, born in Worcester and educated in its public schools, St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Academy, and Smith College. Her residence in March, 1904, was in Prescott, Arizona.

Katherine Elizabeth Lahey was a teacher in the Avery School from Nov., 1893, till June, 1895. She was born in Stoneham, the daughter of John, Jr., and Katherine Lahey, and received her education in the public schools of Stoneham,

and the Bridgewater Normal. In Jan., 1904, Miss Lahey was teaching in the Brimmer School, Boston.

Since 1893, Dorothy Helmer McManus has been the substitute teacher for the Dedham schools, and has also done the office work for the school department. In this position her work has been effective and satisfactory to the committee and Superintendent. She is the daughter of Patrick Henry and Bridget (Coleman) McManus, born in Dedham, and educated in the public schools, including a three years course in the High School. The uniform excellence of her instruction saves the schools from loss in case of the unavoidable absence of the regular teachers. She resides at 16 Mt. Vernon Street, Dedham, but reports every morning of school days at the Superintendent's office.

As her first school, Alice Catherine Smithick taught the Colburn one year, 1895-6. She has since taught the Dunbar Street School of Abington, 1896 to 1898, and the Keith School of Brockton, 1898 to the present time, Jan., 1904. She is the daughter of Maurice and Mary Frances (Keegan) Smithick, born in Brockton, and educated in the High School of that city and the Bridgewater State Normal. She resides at 84 Ford Street, Brockton.

From 1893 to 1896 physical culture was taught in the Dedham schools by Olive F. Moakler.

Sarah J. Probert took charge of the Burgess School in 1892 and retained that position till the discontinuance of that school in 1896.

Nov. 30, 1893, the Riverdale School was put into the care of Florence Rogers Abbott, and so continued till 1898 when she was transferred to the Endicott and remained there till 1902. Then she obtained a year's absence to take a special course in kindergarten work in Boston with Miss Wheelock. In Sept. 1903, she was appointed principal of the Oakdale kindergarten where she is now employed. She is the daughter of J. Var-num and Lucy J. Abbott, born in Danvers, educated in the

Dedham schools, three years in the High, and in the Normal Kindergarten at Cambridge. Her residence is in Oakdale, East Dedham, Mass.

Henry O. Ryder taught drawing in the Dedham schools a part of the year 1893.

The Dexter School from 1892 to 1896 had for its mistress Hattie Bruce Shaw, who had taught a large ungraded school of 50 pupils in Mattapoisett four years. Leaving Dedham she studied a year in the Boston Normal Art School, then taught arithmetic and drawing one term in the Hyannis State Normal, then three years in the Normal at Castleton, Vt., Sept., 1897, to June, 1900. From Sept., 1902, to the end of 1903 she taught in one of the cottages of the Lancaster State Industrial School for girls; at present she is the supervisor of the schools, having the oversight of the work in the eight cottages. She is the daughter of Bruce Freeman and Eliza Angelica (Cook) Shaw, born in Mattapoisett, and educated in the public, Grammar and High Schools of her native town, and the Bridgewater State Normal. Her home address, is Mattapoisett; present, Lancaster, Mass.

The master of Oakdale School, 1893-4, was Edward Franklin Southworth, the son of Edward and Harriet (Hill) Southworth, born in Quincy and educated in Boston public schools, Adams Academy of Quincy, Bridgewater Normal School, and Harvard University. He married Gertrude Van Duyn, April 19, 1900, in Syracuse, N. Y., where he now represents the publishing firm of Ginn & Co., residing at 314 Highland Avenue.

Annie G. Spencer was the first teacher of Sloyd employed by the town, teaching through the school year of 1892-3 in the building formerly occupied by the High School.

Alice L. Williams from Sept., 1892, to Dec., 1902, "ten years without one day of absence," was mistress of the Fisher School. She was the daughter of Rinaldo and Susan (Cranch) Williams, born in Hyde Park and educated in the Greenwood

and High Schools of her native town and the State Normal at Bridgewater, graduating in June, 1892. She also had a good education in music. She died Dec. 21, 1902, one week after closing her work as a teacher. In the school report of Westwood for 1902, Rev. C. S. Locke pays a handsome tribute to her worth in which he says: "She was a well qualified and diligent teacher and inspired many of her pupils with her own alacrity for work and fondness for study. She was devoted to her pupils and cultivated in them a love for natural science, good literature and general intelligence." With the assistance of a musical club and her pupils, she gave a concert, Nov. 7, 1902, to raise money for the decoration of her school-room. After her death the proceeds were used to place a good portrait of Miss Williams and other pictures in the school-room, where they now "reflect the bright and cheerful spirit of the former teacher."

From April, 1892, to Nov. 30, 1893, Isabella F. Winslow had charge of the Oakdale School, having taught the Union School the previous year.

From 1892 to 1894 Grace Louise Hayes was a teacher in the Avery School, having taught in Holliston, 1891-2. After leaving Dedham she was an assistant in the Grove Street Training School for Teachers of Pawtucket, R. I., 1894 to 1896; Principal of the Beverly Training School, 1896-'99; and assistant in Brookline, 1899-1900. She is the daughter of George Nathaniel and Eliza Ann (Leavitt) Hayes, born in Portland, Maine, Jan. 29, 1872; educated in Peabody Primary, Grammar, and High Schools, and the State Normal of Salem. She was married to Ozro Miller Field, of Beverly, Aug. 22, 1900, and resided in 1904 at 31 Central Street, Beverly.

For one year, 1892-3, the Oakdale School was in charge of Nathan Gardner Kingsley. His previous experience was two years in ungraded schools of New York and Illinois, six years at Cambridge, N. Y., 1883-1889; three at Palatine Bridge, N. Y., 1889 to 1892; the last two schools included

all grades, primary to High, all under his care as master. He left Dedham to be principal of the Doyle Grammar School of Providence, R. I., and was still in charge of it, Jan., 1904. He is the son of Joseph and Harriet (Waterman) Kingsley, born at Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; educated at the Albany Normal School and Union College. On Dec. 24, 1885, he was married at Round Lake, N. Y., to Elizabeth Sherman, and now resides at 39 Forest Street, Providence, R. I.

In 1892-3 Alice Edith May taught the fourth grade of the Avery School. She had previously instructed schools in East Weymouth, Ayer Junction and Brewster. Since leaving Dedham she has been teaching in Cambridge to the present time, 1904. She is the daughter of Ira W. and Mary Ella (Baker) May, born in Avon, and educated in the public schools there and in the State Normal School at Bridgewater. Her present residence is Cambridge, Mass., 92 Magazine Street.

From 1893 to 1904 the Dedham High School was fortunate in retaining the services of Marion Josephine Wendell, although she spent two years 1898 and 1899 in Europe, chiefly studying in Berlin. Just before coming to Dedham she taught a year in Cambridge. She is the daughter of George William and Mary Ellen Wendell, born in Plainfield, N. J., where she began her education, continuing it in the Cambridge Latin School, Boston University, and the Berlin University, Germany. She was married in Boston, December 24, 1904, to George F. Joyce, Jr., and resides on Court Street, Dedham.

Adelaide Dickinson Billings was a teacher in the Colburn School 1894-5; of the fourth grade, Ames, 1895-97; of fifth grade, 1897 to March 1898 when she left to go to Cambridge, where she taught the advanced fourth grade in the Washington School, 1898 to 1900. She was married in Canton, Aug. 22, 1900, to John Cotton Billings, instructor in Normal training in the East High School of Minneapolis, Minn. She resided in Minneapolis till the death of her husband, Nov. 25, 1892,

when she returned to be with her parents, George Russell and Emeline Matilda (Dickinson) Billings in Canton, her native town.

Drawing was taught to the schools below the high in 1894-5 by Myra D. Billings.

One of the Assistants of the Ames School, 1894-5, was D. Frances Campbell. She taught in the Avery from 1896 till 1899.

From 1894 to 1897 Winthrop Newton Crocker was master of the Oakdale School, having previously taught in Palmer and East Weymouth, a year in each. He is the son of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Morse) Crocker, born in Brewster, educated in Brewster public schools, and by preparation for college in a private school, and a course in the Bridgewater State Normal School, with four seasons of summer school, receiving A. B. at graduation from the Western University of Chicago. He was married in Aug. 1896, at Weymouth, to Florence E. Bates. After leaving Oakdale he superintended the schools of Dartmouth and Westport five and a half years, and since Jan. 1903, has been supervising principal of the Lincoln School, Hancock District, Quincy, where he resided Jan. 25, 1904.

Alice Josephine Keelan began to teach as the Assistant of Miss Shaw in the Dexter School in 1894; in 1897 she became principal of the same school, and is very efficient in that position at the present time. She is the daughter of Michael and Catherine Elizabeth (Roche) Keelan, born in Dedham, and educated in the Avery School, Notre Dame Academy, Boston, and Miss Symond's Kindergarten Normal. She resides at 366 High Street, Dedham.

Florence Fay Kinney had charge of the third grade of the Ames School seven years, 1894 to 1901. She had previously taught the East Street School of Suffield, Conn. She is the daughter of Timothy William and Ann Elizabeth (Fay) Kinney, born in Suffield, Conn., educated in a private school at Windsor Locks, and graduated at the New Britain Conn. Nor-

mal School. Miss Kinney is now Assistant Matron at the Easton Sanitarium, Easton, Pennsylvania.

From 1894 to 1898 Isabelle Orr Nutter was an Assistant in the High School and never taught elsewhere. She is the daughter of Edmund Winslow and Harriet (Alden) Nutter, born in East Bridgewater where she attended the High School four years, then the Girls' High School in Boston one year, finally the Bridgewater State Normal the four years course. She resigned from Dedham High School in 1898 to travel abroad; was employed in an office in Boston, 1899; was married Sept. 11, 1900, to Walter Bradford Southgate at Newton Highlands, where she now resides at 83 Forest Street.

In 1894 and 1895 Irene Bidwell Roby taught in the Colburn School as an assistant of the principal and has taught in no other school. She is the daughter of Edgar F. and Isabel (Meek) Roby, born in West Dedham, educated in the Colburn School, and was a resident of Westwood in 1904.

Leila Helen Sprague taught in the Oakdale School one year, 1894-5. She resigned to take a position in the Stoughton of Boston, retaining it four years; then was appointed Master's Assistant in the Washington of Cambridge, where she is still employed. She is the daughter of William Pendleton and Marilla Marks (Parker) Sprague, born in No. Islesboro, Maine, and educated in Somerville Grammar School, Quincy High, and Bridgewater State Normal; resides in Cambridge.

The Endicott School for one year, 1894-5, had as Master Frederick Wilson Swan. The next year Mr. Swan taught the eighth grade of the Ames; the next five years he was Principal of the school, leaving it Oct. 4, 1901, for the submastership of the Chapman Grammar School of East Boston, where he is now teaching. He is the son of Frederick Marcellus and Emma Frances (Mayo) Swan, born in Boston, educated in the Stoughton and Dorchester High Schools, Bridgewater State Normal, and Teachers' School of Science, Boston. He belongs to the Swan family that used to furnish so many teachers about

1860 that it was a common saying in Dorchester, "every other teacher is a Swan." He was married Aug. 8, 1901, at Ashley Falls, Mass., to Lydia Mabel Munson. They reside at 469 Meridian Street, East Boston. As avocations, Mr. Swan is First Assistant in the East Boston Educational Circle; Secretary and Treasurer of Teachers' School of Science Association; Vice-President of the Young Men's Congregational Club; Chm. of Science Committee N. E. Conference of Educational Workers; and President of the Monday Night Club of East Boston.

Catherine Elizabeth Walters, from Feb. 1 to the end of the school year, 1894-5, taught in the Avery School, fourth division. She was the daughter of Louis and Catherine Elizabeth Walters of Quincy, and was educated in the Quincy public schools and the Bridgewater Normal.

The fifth grade of the Avery School, from 1895 to 1898, was instructed by Maude Jennie Bray. Since 1898 she has been the Principal of the Washington Primary of Taunton. She is the daughter of John Wilson and Julia (Oliver) Bray, born in Middletown, Conn., and educated in the public schools of Hartford, Ct., the High School of Taunton, Mass., and the State Normal of Bridgewater. Her present residence is at 20 Cedar Street, Taunton, Mass.

During two school years, 1895 and 1896, the Endicott School was in charge of Harriet Byram. This was her only school teaching. She is the daughter of Joseph William and Helen Amelia (Townsend) Byram, born in Raynham; educated in the grammar schools of Brockton and its High School, class of 1893; and in the Bridgewater Normal, class of 1895. She was married July 12, 1897, in Brockton, to Fred Whitman Glasier, and since that time has resided in Brockton, engaged with her husband in the business of photography.

From January, 1895, to Jan. 9, 1897, Mary Porter Cushing was a teacher in the High School, having previously taught in the High School of Orange. She is the daughter of

Daniel L. and Ellen C. Cushing of Hartford, Vt., and was educated at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., Tilden Seminary, West Lebanon, N. H., and Wellesley College. She was married Jan. 10, 1898, at Quechee, Vt., to Dr. H. K. Shatswell of Dedham, and resides at 67 School Street.

Herbert Seymour Gay was master of the Ames School from June, 1895, to April, 1896, having previously taught in a grammar school in Belchertown, and as principal of one in Slatersville, R. I., and as a substitute in Westfield. After leaving Dedham he was sub-master of the Webster School; Latin High of Cambridge; Principal of the Putnam Evening School, East Cambridge, and the Lyman Evening School, East Boston. He is the son of Edward Baker and Marietta Sibley (Blodgett) Gay, born in Belchertown, and educated in the Grammar and High Schools of his native town, and a four years course of the Westfield State Normal. In 1902 he graduated from Harvard Medical School: then spent two and one-half years in the Hospitals of Boston; and has recently been appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Gynaecological Dept. of Boston Dispensary. His office and residence, Oct., 1904, was at 171 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

The month of December, 1895, Clara Clifton Howland taught in the Colburn School; from Jan., 1896, to April, 1898, in the Avery, seventh grade; from April, 1898, to June, 1900, the fifth grade of the Ames. Before coming to Dedham she was a teacher in East Bridgewater and North Raynham; since leaving Dedham she has taught in the Christopher Gibson School, and now resides in Dorchester. She is the daughter of John Otis and Clarissa Kingman (Brown) Howland, born in East Bridgewater, educated in West Bridgewater Elementary, East Bridgewater High, and Bridgewater State Normal, Schools.

Winifred J. Kenney was third assistant in the Avery School, 1895-6.

From Sept., 1896, to June, 1897, Edna Frances Alger

taught the eighth grade of the Ames School, having previously taught one year in Peabody. Leaving Dedham she taught the eighth and ninth grades in Winthrop five years. She is the daughter of Charles Francis and Catherine Alger, born in Hingham, and educated in the primary schools of Watervliet, N. Y., the grammar of Abington, Mass., Hingham High School and a four years course of the Bridgewater Normal. She was married Oct. 25, 1902, in Winthrop, to George Hatch Townsend and resides at "The Peabody" in Ashmont.

The sixth grade of the Ames School from 1896 to 1903 was instructed by Bertha Vinton Cobb who had taught previously two years in the Carpenter School of Attleboro. In the public schools of that town and in the Bridgewater State Normal she had been prepared for her successful work. She is the daughter of A. Vinton and Mary Simmons (Brown) Cobb of Attleboro. In 1904 she resided in Brookline, and was teaching in the Pierce grammar school.

For the last eight years, Jan. 1896 to 1904, the Oakdale School has been fortunate in the tuition of Mae Leavitt Hayes, who had previously taught in Attleboro, Mass. and Goffstown, N. H. She is the daughter of George Nathaniel and Eliza Ann (Leavitt) Hayes, born in Portland, Maine, and educated in the primary, grammar and high schools of Peabody and the Salem State Normal School. With such advantages aiding good natural abilities the result is never doubtful.

From 1896 to 1904 Elizabeth Ellen Henderson has been a faithful teacher in the Avery, her only school, in which she now has charge of the third grade. She is the daughter of Henry A. and Elizabeth (Roundy) Henderson, born in Marblehead and educated in its High School, and later attending a private School in Boston. When not engaged in teaching her residence is in Swampscott, Mass.

From 1896 to 1904 Mary Adelaide McClearn has given instruction in needle work in all the Dedham Schools. She is the daughter of Henry Thomas and Mary Adelaide (Cassell)

McClearn, born in Boston, educated in the Ames and High Schools, receiving at the latter a diploma of four years, and at "The Emerson College of Oratory," Boston. Her residence is in Dedham.

In April, 1896, Harriet Quimby took charge of the sixth and seventh grades of the Colburn School and so continued to 1898. She had previously taught the primary department of the Centre School of Westford a year and a term, April, 1888, to Dec., 1889. In Sept., 1895, she was elected teacher in Ludlow, Mass., Longmeadow District; but resigned in April, 1896. She was the daughter of Ira B. and Lucy Ann (Raynes) Quimby: born in East Boston; educated in Adams School, Wollaston; Thayer Academy, Braintree, and the Bridgewater State Normal School. Her last residence was Malden. She died Dec. 30, 1898, at the home of her brother in Philadelphia, Pa., whither she had gone for her health.

From 1896 till April, 1899, Hattie Bartlett Sears was a teacher in the Quincy School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Sears, born in Hyde Park and educated in the Grammar and High Schools of her native town, and the Bridgewater State Normal. She was married Oct. 31, 1899, at Hyde Park, to Brenelle Hunt, Principal of the Model School of the Bridgewater State Normal, and resided in Bridgewater, March 16, 1904.

In the High School, 1896 to 1900, Annabel Stetson was an assistant teacher, having a previous experience of five years in the High Schools of Brunswick and Portland, Maine, and of nine years in Miss Wesselhoeft's Private School of Boston. After a period of rest following her work in Dedham, she resumed teaching in the Brunswick High School, and was thus employed March 10, 1904. She is the daughter of Joseph and Maria E. (Brown) Stetson, born in Brunswick, Me., and educated in the High School of her native town, the Boston Normal, and as a special student at Cornell, Radcliffe, the Berlitz School of Languages, and various private courses. She

She is a teacher of Latin, Greek, and History, and, excepting Leominster, has been master's assistant in every position she has held. Her residence, Oct., 1904, was North Brookfield, Mass.

From 1897 to 1901, Elizabeth Tracy was third assistant in the High School. She then resigned, to teach in the South Boston High School, where she is now employed, Feb., 1904; also is directing Boys' Clubs in the Bigelow Educational Centre, South Boston. She is the daughter of Andrew and Theresa (Dervan) Tracy, born in Dedham and educated in her public schools and Radcliffe College, Cambridge. Her present residence is at 205 Colburn Street, East Dedham.

From September, 1897, to June, 1903, Annie Evelyn Whittier was the efficient principal of the Oakdale School. She had previously been Principal's assistant in the Cobbet School of Lynn, and the Washington, of Cambridge. She is now, 1904, Principal of the Pickering Grammar School of Lynn. She is the daughter of Charles and Susan (Smith) Whittier, born in Corinth, Maine, and was educated in the public schools of Lynn and the Salem Normal. Her present residence is in Lynn.

Beginning in the fall of 1898 Mabel Gertrude Berry had charge of the Avery Kindergarten until Feb. 1903. After that date she taught in the public schools of Boston a year, and is now in charge of the W. L. P. Boardman Kindergarten. She is the daughter of Solon Kendrick and Elizabeth Ann (Cummings) Berry, born in Thetford, Vt., and educated in the public schools and Academy of that town, and the Page Normal Kindergarten Class of Boston. At this date, Feb. 24, 1904, she resides at 234 Franklin Street, Cambridge.

From Sept. to Jan. 1898, Marion Nellie Darling was a teacher in the Ames School, having previously taught a year, 1896-7, in the seventh and eighth grades of a grammar school in Amherst. Since leaving Dedham she has been Supervisor of Drawing two years, 1901-1903, in Attleboro, and one year,

1903-4, in Northampton. She is the daughter of Leander Allen and Emma (Thompson) Darling, born in Tongaloo, Mississippi, and educated in the Bridgewater State Normal and Boston Normal Art Schools. Her residence May 15, 1904, was at 42 Rockview Street, Jamaica Plain.

The seventh grade of the Avery School from 1898 to 1902 was in charge of Marion Helen Garfield. She had taught in Peabody from Sept. 1896 to April 1898. She is the daughter of Moses Howell and Isabel (Warren) Garfield, born in Reading, educated in the public schools of Maynard, from fourth grade through High, and Bridgewater State Normal, four years course. She was married Oct. 15, 1902, at Maynard, to Dr. Frederick Prescott Drew, and now, Jan. 1904, resides at East Dedham.

Cornelia Mills Gay began to teach the second division of the Colburn School in 1876 and managed it with rare success till 1885 when she was enrolled among the teachers of the Ames. There her work still goes on safe from all criticism, and a reason for deep gratitude to both parents and children. She is the daughter of Henry and Mary A. (French) Gay, born in West Dedham, and educated in the public schools of Dedham from primary to the end of the High. She resides in Westwood. I am indebted to Miss Gay for valuable assistance in preparing this volume, and while acknowledging this, I regret the accident which made her own record appear later in the volume than it should.

In 1898-9 the Riverdale School was in the care of Mary Catherine Hannon who has since taught continuously and of course successfully in the Quincy. She is the daughter of Thomas and Anne (Mahoney) Hannon, born in Dedham, and educated in her public schools, primary, grammar and high, with a supplementary course in the Boston Normal School. Her post office address is East Dedham.

From 1898 to 1901 Mary Frances Nowell was the teacher of Kindergarten in the Ames School, this being her whole

experience in teaching. She is the daughter of George Foster and Anna Washburn (Knight) Nowell, born in Milford, N.H., and educated in the schools of Cambridge. Her residence in May, 1904, was at 373 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass.

William Ware Locke, since 1898, has taught and directed manual training in the Dedham Schools. He had previous experience in Dover, 1878, Denver, Colorado, 1879, and Boston Evening Schools, 1886 to 1898. He is the son of Rev. Calvin Stoughton and Anne (Lincoln) Locke, of Westwood, where in public and private schools he was prepared for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute from which he graduated B. S. and later from Harvard University. He was the Superintendent of the Barnard Memorial, 1885-1893; Secretary of Good Government Club, N. Y., 1894-1898; Superintendent of Vacation Schools, N. Y., 1894-1897; Supervisor, Truancy Department, N. Y. 1894-1897. Since 1895 he has lectured and worked to promote Social Settlement Clubs, Temperance Societies and Boys' Clubs. June 16, 1900, he was married to Sarah Kendall Savary, at Groveland, Mass.; and now, 1904, resides in Boston at 15 Ashburton Place.

From Sept. 1898, to June, 1903, Christine Tilton Mansfield was fourth Assistant in the High School. Her previous experience in teaching was in Belmont, from Sept. 1893, to June, 1897. She is the daughter of Preston Ruggles and Harriet Josephine (Davis) Mansfield, born in Lancaster, educated in the Dedham public schools and Smith College, supplemented by a year at Radcliffe. She was married to Henry Cole at Dedham, Oct. 21, 1903, and remains a resident of the town.

The fifth grade of the Avery School from 1898 to 1900 was in charge of Martha Isabel Shaw, who had previously taught in Meriden and Plainville, Conn. She left Dedham for a years study in the Boston Normal, at the close of which she accepted a position in Weymouth, and after a year and three months was offered a more desirable one in New Bedford

which she filled for the remainder of the year, then she received an appointment to the Sherwin School of Boston where she was teaching March 10, 1904. She was the daughter of Walter S. and Sarah E. Shaw, born in Westville, Conn., and educated in the public schools of Meriden, Conn. and the State Normal at New Britain. Her last residence was in Boston, Mass., 197 St. Botolph Street, where she died May 8, 1904.

Barbara E. Vogler was a teacher in the Ames School, 1898-9, and in the Avery 1899-1900. She had previously taught in Franklin, 1897-8, and in Everett, 1898. She is the daughter of John Sprague and Lilian Earle (Downs) Vogler, born in Concord, N. H., educated in the public schools of Portsmouth, N. H., Quincy High and Bridgewater State Normal. She was married Oct. 3, 1900, at Quincy to William Emerson Tower, and resided at Atlantic, (Quincy), Mass., Jan. 21, 1904.

From Sept. 1898, to April, 1902, Marshall Wentworth assisted in the High School, having previously taught, 1894-5, in Mr. Teal's Select School, Plainfield, N. J.; and from 1895 to 1898 as principal of the High School in Winchester, Mass. In 1902-3 he was principal of the High School, Wareham, Mass. At the present time, Feb. 1904, he has charge of the Canton High. He is the son of Alonzo Bond and Isabel Sewell (Goodwin) Wentworth, born in Cambridge, and educated in the public schools of Dedham, Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College, A. B. 1894, magna cum laude. His home is still in Dedham, 562 East Street.

John Laing Gibb began in 1899 to teach music in the District Schools as assistant of Samuel W. Cole, and so continued till 1902. He had previously much experience in private class instruction, and since 1892 has been Supervisor of Music in Attleboro and Lexington. For four years he taught in the People's Singing Classes of Boston, and for seven years has been a member of the Handel and Haydn Society of that city; also for two years director of music in the Church of the

Good Shepherd, Oakdale; for three years, of the Baptist of East Dedham; for two years, of the Second Congregational of Attleboro; is now Director of the Wrentham Musical Association. He is the son of James and Elizabeth (Laing) Gibb, born in Keith, Banffshire, Scotland, and educated in the Keith Public School and the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1904 he married Irene B. Smith of Attleboro, where he now resides at 62 North Main Street.

The Kindergarten department of the Ames School from 1899 to 1902 was under the care of Agnes Richards Hinman. She is the daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Richards) Hinman, born in Chelsea, and educated at Chauncy Hall, Boston; the Friends School, Providence, R. I.; Abbott Academy, Andover, and Miss Garland's Kindergarten Normal Training School. Her residence May 15, 1904, was at 29 Albano Street, Roslindale, Mass.

From Jan. 1899, to June, 1901, the Ames School had Lydia Mabel Munson as Principal's Assistant. She is the daughter of George Gilbert and Jennie (McKnight) Munson, born in Great Barrington, educated in the Pittsfield grammar and High Schools and the North Adams State Normal. She was married Aug. 8, 1901, at Ashley Falls, Mass., to Frederick William Swan. Their present residence, Jan. 20, 1904, is at 469 Meridian Street, East Boston.

Helen Waterman's first experience as a teacher was in the Ames School where she was an Assistant two years from Sept. 8, 1899, to June, 1901; then she taught a year in East Bridgewater, and since Sept. 1902, her work has been continued in Everett till the present, Dec. 20, 1904. She is the daughter of George Lewis and Sarah (Sawyer) Waterman, born in Hyde Park, Vt., and educated in the Lamoille Central Academy, Hyde Park, Vt.; Peoples' Academy, Morrisville, Vt., and the Framingham High and State Normal Schools. Her residence is at 24 Pleasant Street, Everett.

The Riverdale School, 1899-1900, was in charge of May

Hall Wentworth who had taught previously in the Phillips Avenue School of New Bedford, and since leaving Dedham to the present time, March 10, 1904, has been a teacher in the Kingman School of Brockton. She is the daughter of Samuel Marshall and Anna A. (Hall) Wentworth, born in Berwick, Me., and educated in the High School of Somersworth, N. H. and the Bridgewater State Normal. Her address is 14 Highland Street, Brockton.

Ellen Eliza Barker was a teacher in the Ames School from 1900 to 1904: the first two years of the fifth grade; after Dec. 24, 1902, as Principal's Assistant; but on June 24, 1904, she was elected to the ninth grade of a school in Brookline. Before coming to Dedham she had taught the fifth and sixth grades in the Atlantic Avenue School of Patuxet, R. I. She is the daughter of George R. and Clara A. Barker, born in Rutland, Vt., educated in the Fairmount Grammar and the High Schools of Hyde Park and the Bridgewater State Normal.

Florence Christine Boynton in 1900 took charge of the Riverdale School, but in October was promoted to the Ames, sixth grade. Before coming to Dedham she had taught one term in Sterling previous to her normal course, and a year in Holden after that course. She is a daughter of Henry Alonzo and Sarah Augusta (Goodale) Boynton of Spencer, and obtained her education in the public schools of West Boylston and the Bridgewater State Normal.

From 1900 to 1901 Sara Arnold Browne was a teacher in the Avery School, having taught the previous year in the Mark Hopkins School of North Adams. She is the daughter of Charles Albert and Susan (McCullum) Browne, born in North Adams and educated in the public schools of that city including the State Normal. In the same city she was married to Clifford Campbell Haskins Sept. 18, 1901, and still resided there, Jan. 25, 1904.

Celia Norris Burrill in 1900 was appointed Assistant in the Kindergarten and first grade of the Avery School, and so

continued till Feb. 1903, when she was made Principal of the Kindergarten, and in Jan. 1905 held that position. She never has taught elsewhere. She is the daughter of Charles and Atossa Ellis (Pratt) Burrill of Bridgewater where she was educated in the public schools, Model, High and State Normal. When not teaching her residence is in Bridgewater.

Beginning as Assistant in the Avery School, Feb. 1900, William Farwell Howe was elected principal in April, 1901. His previous experience had been in Nashua, N. H., 1894 to '96; North Adams Training School, 6 months, 1899, and Granville, 6 months, 1899-1900. He is the son of John Prentis and Olive Wilson (Farwell) Howe of Nashua, N. H.; graduated from the four years course of the Nashua High School, 1891; from the three years course of the North Adams Normal, 1899. At the present time, Jan. 9, 1905, Mr. Howe with eleven assistants is in charge of the Avery School which numbers about 400 pupils. His residence is in Dedham; his P. O. address, East Dedham.

In June, 1900, Bertha May Layman took charge of the eighth grade of the Avery School and held the position about three years. She had previous experience as a teacher in Lenox and Montague, and is now teaching in Helena, Montana. She is the daughter of Benham and Julia Ann (Stevens) Layman, born in Middletown, New York, educated in the Adams High and the North Adams State Normal School. Her residence Jan. 1904, was Helena, Montana.

In Nov. 1900, Bertha Miriam Loheed was elected temporary assistant in the High School "in order that more time should be devoted to the study of English and to the general course." From Oct. 1901, to the present time, March, 1904, she has taught Latin and English literature in the Brockton High School. She is the daughter of William J. and Anna L. Loheed of Springfield, and was educated in the Brockton High School and Smith College, class of 1900. She resides at 24 Newton Street, Brockton.

In 1901-2 the Riverdale School was taught by Florence Keyes Alexander. She had previously some experience as a teacher in Valley Falls, R. I., and since leaving the Riverdale has taught in Boston. She is the daughter of Henry R. and Selma Alexander, born in East Dedham, and educated in the Avery, High and Boston Normal Schools. Her residence is Chauncey Street, East Dedham.

In 1901 Miriam Folsom Babbitt took charge of the first grade of the Avery School, and in June, 1902, resigned to take a similar position in the Claffin School of Newtonville. Before teaching in Dedham she had taught two years in the Shirley School of Winthrop. Since Nov. 1903, she has taught in the Pierce School of Brookline. She is the daughter of Rollin Herbert and Florette Adella (Bailey) Babbitt, born in Berkley, Mass., educated in the Taunton High and Bridgewater State Normal Schools. She resides in Newton Centre; but when not teaching, in Berkley.

In June, 1901, Jessie Elizabeth Burton was put in charge of a grade in the Ames School made up of portions of the second and third, but in Sept. 1902, was transferred to the third grade. She had previously taught in Cochituate. The daughter of John Lockhart and Jessie (Hunter) Burton, she was born in Lawrence, educated in Holyoke Public Schools, Hopedale High, Framingham State Normal and the Hyannis Summer School. Jan. 29, 1904, Miss Burton was elected to the third grade of a school in Brookline, and when she is not teaching resides in Newmarket, N. H.

During the school year, 1901-2, Mabel Robinson Coombs was Master's Assistant in the Ames School, having previous experience in the Brick School of Colrairie, Mass. Leaving the Ames, she taught in 1902-3 as Master's Assistant in the Centre Grammar of Malden, and in 1903 took the same position in the Peabody Grammar of Cambridge. She is the daughter of Edwin Wilson and Flora (Barrington) Coombs, born in Shelburne, and educated in the grammar schools of

that town, the High School of Greenfield and the North Adams State Normal. She resides at 8 Shepard Street, Cambridge, in term time; her summer address is Bardwell's Ferry, Mass.

From Feb. 1901, to Jan. 9, 1904, Marion Frances Maddocks taught the ninth grade of the Avery School, coming to the position after good experience in Enfield High School from Sept. 1899 to June, 1900; Norwood, seventh and ninth grades, Everett School, Sept. 1900, to May, 1901. She is the daughter of Fred Herbert and Mary Elizabeth (Hills) Maddocks, of Foxboro, educated in the schools of Foxboro and Hopedale, graduating at the State Normal School in Framingham. In June, 1904, she accepted a position in Jersey City, N. J.

In October, 1901, Lillian Gertrude Marr was appointed third Assistant in the High School and retains that position at the present time, Jan. 20, 1904. She had previous experience in the Medway High School. She is the daughter of Parker and Lizzie Marr, born in Gloucester, educated in its High School and at Boston University. When not teaching her home is in Gloucester.

In Sept. 1901, Jennie Allen Orendorff was put in charge of the fifth grade of the Avery School. Her previous experience had been the entire charge of a primary building in Cranston, R. I. In Feb. 1903, she resigned for a position in West Newton. She is the daughter of Joseph Henry and Lucy Ellis (Allen) Orendorff, born in Boxborough, and educated in the Concord High School and the Bridgewater State Normal. Her residence Jan. 1904 was at 1191 Washington Street, West Newton.

From October, 1901, to June, 1902, Susan Pennell was Assistant in the first grade of the Oakdale School. She previously had charge for two years of a primary school in Gray, Me.; and after leaving the Oakdale she taught a year and a half in the Winslow High School, Me. She is the daughter of Charles Thayer and Emma Weston (Hunt) Pennell, born in Gray, and educated in the Pennell Institute of her native town

and at the Boston University. June 30, 1903, she was married in Gray, Me., to Guy W. Chipman, A. B., and at the present date, Feb. 6, 1904, resides in Winslow, Me.

In Oct. 1901, Herbert Leslie Rand was elected Master of the Ames School. He was an experienced teacher: had taught in the common schools of Me., seventy-two weeks; had been principal of the Webster Grammar School, Auburn, Me., one year; of the Washington, Melrose, three years, and had taught in the Malden Evening School from 1898 to 1901. He is the son of Edwin and Susan Cynthia (Bessey) Rand, of Unity, Me. The Central Institute at Pittsfield and the State Normal at Castine, were attended by him; and in 1897 he graduated at the Bridgewater State Normal, the four years course. He was married, Dec. 26, 1899, to Bessie James Holmes of Fall River, and resides in Dedham. He was manager of the Windermere Summer Camp, Lake Winnecook, Unity, Me., 1903, and was the President of the Castine Normal Alumni Association of Boston, Jan. 1904. Mr. Rand resigned in Jan. 1905, to accept a mastership in Malden.

In Nov. 1901, Alice Adele Todd was elected as teacher of Stenography and Type-writing in the High School. She had before taught in the Somerville English High. She is the daughter of Frank and Charlotte Adele Todd, born in Charlestown, educated in the Girls' Latin School, Boston, and Smith College. The course of study, which Miss Todd was teaching, is optional and to be completed in two years. Those who excel in it may be sure of profitable and constant employment. Miss Todd resigned in June, 1904, to accept a position in Sanford, Maine.

Laura Clarke Brooks, from 1902 till June, 1904, was a teacher of the first grade in the Avery School. She had previously taught a year in Cliftondale. She is the daughter of Joseph Watson and Jennie (Clarke) Brooks, born in St. Mary, N. S., and educated in the Grammar, High and State

Normal Schools of Salem. In June, 1904, Miss Brooks accepted a similar grade position in the city of Newton.

Harriet Barstowe Capron was appointed teacher of the second grade of the Avery School, April 7, 1902. Her previous experience was in the Brayton, Johnson and Houghton Schools of North Adams. She is the daughter of Clement Lamont and Sarah Jane (Halse) Capron, born in North Adams, where she was educated in the Grammar, High and State Normal Schools. Her services in the Avery were still retained, and she resided in Dedham, Jan. 20, 1904.

In 1902 Blanche Genevieve Fuller became the teacher of the sixth grade of the Avery School, and on June 20 was transferred to the seventh. She had previously taught in Attleboro, the Sanford Street School, 1900-1; the Richardson, 1901-2. She is the daughter of Alfonso Tisdale and Ruth Augusta (Stearns) Fuller, born in Mansfield, educated in the High School, full course, and in the Bridgewater State Normal. In June, 1904, Miss Fuller accepted a ninth grade position in Newton.

In April, 1902, Mary Frances Gould was appointed sixth assistant in the High School. Her previous experience had been as pupil teacher in the Chelsea High, 1896-7, and as assistant in the Beverly High from Sept., 1900, to May, 1902. She is the daughter of George Willis and Harriet (Clark) Gould; born in Chelsea; educated in Chelsea High School, and Radcliffe College, A. B. 1900. When not teaching she resides in Everett, Mass.

September 8, 1902, Edith Austin Holton was put in charge of the new fifth grade of the Oakdale School. She had previous experience in the Richardson School of Attleboro. She is the daughter of Seba Austin and Grace Lawrence (Pierce) Holton, of Wayland, and completed her education for teaching in the Bridgewater State Normal School. In June, 1904, Miss Holton resigned to become a student in Boston University.

September 8, 1902, Louise Russell Livermore was put in

charge of the Riverdale School; in 1903 she was transferred to the Quincy. She is the daughter of Edward and Caroline Russell Livermore, born in Watertown and educated in its High School, and in the Framingham Normal. Before coming to Dedham she taught six months in Rutland, Massachusetts. In June, 1904, Miss Livermore accepted a position in Weymouth, Mass.

Dec. 1, 1902, Bessie Mae Pooler was elected to have charge of the second and third grades of the Ames School. She had previously taught in Ashland and North Grafton. She is the daughter of Sumner Weston and Cora Mae (White) Pooler; born in South Framingham; educated in the schools of Framingham, including the primary, grammar, High, and State Normal. She is a resident of Dedham.

Sarah Elizabeth Smith was placed in charge of the Endicott School, Sept. 8, 1902; later of the Riverdale. She is the daughter of William Elijah and Sarah Elizabeth Smith, born in Amherst, and educated in the Amherst schools, and the Westfield State Normal. Before coming to Dedham she had taught three years in Grafton. June 24, 1904, she was transferred to the Oakdale, second grade.

The sixth grade of the Avery School was in charge of Bessie J. Welch, 1902-3; but June 23, 1903, she was elected to a like position in the Salem Model School.

In 1903 Martha Mabelle Ames was appointed assistant in the High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Abbie (Scates) Ames, born in Rutland, Illinois, educated at a High School for Wellesley College, and graduated A. B. 1900; at Radcliffe College, A. M. 1902. When not teaching, her home is at 24 Holmes Avenue, Brookline, Mass.

The assistant teacher of the Avery Kindergarten, 1903-4, and later transferred to the Ames, was Maud Bennett, the daughter of Samuel Robert and Hannah Adams (Ryder) Bennett of New Bedford. She received her education in the New Bedford public schools, supplemented by a course in Miss

Lucy Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School, Boston. In 1902-3 Miss Bennett taught a year in Miss Bonney's Private School, New Bedford. Her residence is 8 Marbury Terrace, Jamaica Plain.

In September, 1903, Alton Clifford Churbuck began as Master of the Oakdale School in a new and most elegant school edifice in the midst of very beautiful grounds. He had previously taught three years in Cotuit, Mass., and two in Auburn, R. I. He is the son of Henry Swift and Elizabeth Wideman (Tripp) Churbuck, born in Bridgewater, and educated in her public schools and the State Normal School. Sept. 1, 1903, at Cotuit, he was married to Florrie Chatfield, and resided at 38 Oakdale Avenue, East Dedham.

From January to June, 1903, Ruth Burleigh Dame was a teacher in the Ames School, having previously taught a private school in Medford. Since leaving Dedham she has taught in the High School of Lexington, and is now, June, 1904, teaching in the High School of Medford. She is the daughter of Loren Low and Nancy Isabel (Arnold) Dame, born in Medford, and educated in its public schools, and still resides in her native town.

In September, 1903, Jennibelle Calef Dennett took charge of the seventh grade of the Avery School. She is of Amesbury, the daughter of Moses Morrill and Jennie Mary (Eastman) Dennett, trained in the public schools of her native town and the Salem Normal. When not teaching her residence is in Amesbury.

Since Nov. 1, 1903, Isabel Rich Drew has been a teacher in the Ames School, sixth grade. She had previously taught a year and a half in Roseland, New Jersey, and a year and two months in Sharon, as principal of a school of four grades. She is the daughter of John Henry and Louise (Lancaster) Drew, born in Farmingdale, Maine; educated in the High School of Gardiner, Me., Jamaica Plain High School, and Mount Holyoke College.

Blanche Elizabeth Hellyar was elected sixth assistant in the High School, 1903. She is the daughter of Samuel Henry and Lizzie Georgiana (Blanchard) Hellyar, born in Palmer, educated in the schools of that town and Mount Holyoke College. In June, 1904, she accepted a position as teacher in Adams.

In 1903 Irene Colgate Hunter Hines was elected fifth assistant in the High School. She is the daughter of Thomas Colgate and Sophia Carolina Hines, born on a plantation in Nansemond Co., Virginia; educated at Norfolk College, Va., Vassar College, and in Paris, France. When not teaching, she lives in Northampton, Mass.

September 8, 1903, Alice Elizabeth Joyce began to teach the sixth grade of the Avery School. She is a native of South Walpole, the daughter of Edward Francis and Mary Alice (Morrissey) Joyce, educated in the Framingham Normal Practice School, High School, and State Normal School. When not teaching, her home is in Framingham.

Lillian Munson began to teach the fifth grade of the Avery School in 1903. The previous year she had taught in Greenfield. She is a native of Great Barrington, and the daughter of George Gilbert and Jennie (McNight) Munson. Her education was obtained in the Pittsfield public schools, grammar and High, and the State Normal School at North Adams. When not teaching, her residence is Springfield, Mass.

Instruction in kindergarten was given in the Avery and Ames Schools, 1903 and 1904, by Mary Elizabeth Lynch, who had previous experience in the town of Warren. She is a native of Boston, the daughter of Thomas Henry and Margaret Lynch, and the Boston public schools supplied her education. Her residence is at 24 Dunmore Street, Roxbury.

Feb. 9, 1903, Ethel Rinn took charge of the fifth grade of the Ames School, and was later transferred to the ninth, having previously taught in the Adams School of Quincy. She is the daughter of Louis and Harriet Freeman (Warren)

and educated in the public schools and Free Academy of that city, class of 1895; also receiving the degree of A. B. from the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University, 1901. Her home residence, Holden; Dedham address, 34 School Street.

May Christine O'Brien began to teach in the Riverdale School, Sept., 1904. She is a native of Ashland, daughter of James and Ellen (Sullivan) O'Brien, and was educated in the public schools of her native town and the Framingham State Normal. She had experience as a teacher in Ashland, eighth and ninth grade work; also in Holliston, sixth grade. Her residence, Oct., 1904, was at 150 Cedar Street, East Dedham.

Alice Maude Otis took charge of the fifth grade in the Ames School, Sept., 1904. She had formerly taught in Rochester, N. H., and Amesbury, Mass. She is the daughter of ——— and Clara J. Otis of Rochester, N. H., where she attended the public schools and later the Plymouth, N. H., Training School, followed by the Framingham State Normal. She resides at 36 Willow Street, Dedham.

Lucie Maria Ware became a teacher of the first grade in the Avery School, Sept., 1904, having previously taught in Natick. She is the daughter of Palmer and Maria F. (Wilcox) Ware, born in Sherburne, and educated in Arms Academy and the State Normal School at North Adams. Her residence, Oct. 1904, was at 38 Oakdale Avenue, East Dedham.

In Sept., 1904, Irma Ethyl Wing began to teach in the Avery School after a year's experience in the Cranch School of Quincy, 1903-4. She is the daughter of William Clarke and Elizabeth Wing, born in Fitchburg, educated in the Nantucket High and the Bridgewater State Normal Schools. She resided, Oct., 1904, on Humboldt Avenue, Boston.

Herbert Lee Sackett entered upon his duties as assistant teacher in the High School, November, 1904. He is the son of Irving W. and Maria A. Sackett, born at Smith's Mills, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., educated in the High School of For-

restville, N. Y., State Normal of Fredonia, N. Y., and Brown University.

The master of the South School of South Dedham, 1856-7, was George Wesley Mason. Later he taught in Georgia, E. Bethel and Brandon (Price Sem.), Vt.; Franklin, Needham, and as principal of the High School of Stoneham, Mass.; Hamilton and Attica (Union School), N. Y. He was born in Medfield, March 26, 1838, the son of George S. and Ellen B. Nason, educated at Madison University, Class of 1864: Degrees A. B. and A. M. In 1864 he married Marriette Scranton of Covington, N. Y. For the last thirty years he has been editor and publisher, and in general insurance and brokerage. He resides at 125 No. Norwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

It has been our intention to confine our *personal* records strictly to the *Teachers* of Dedham: but we think it is proper to make one exception and include the present Superintendent, who has labored much as a *model teacher* and with excellent results during the last twelve years. Roderick Whittelsey Hine entered upon his duties as superintendent of the Dedham schools in August, 1893. As a preparation for his work he had devoted nine years to school instruction; was Master of a grammar school in Norwich, Conn; and principal of High Schools in Waterbury and West Hartford, Conn. He is the son of Orlo Daniel and Ellen Whittelsey Hine; born in Lebanon, Conn., and educated at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and at Yale College, graduating in the class of 1884. He was married Nov. 23, 1888, to Mary A. Kirkham, at Newington, Conn., and since 1893 has resided in Dedham. The present condition of the schools in this town is ample proof of his professional ability. His valuable assistance in furnishing materials for this record is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE DEDHAM SCHOOLS.

In the foregoing pages we have seen how the schools of Dedham originated, and chiefly by means of their personnel, we have traced their growth for two hundred and sixty years. Let us now take a rapid survey of their present condition.

Such a view may not be of special interest to those citizens of Dedham who give them their patronage and fostering care, and consequently are familiar with their beneficent work ; but we trust it will gratify the desire of some to see the final product of this long period of almost silent evolution. But, before making this survey, it may be well to recall the fact, that the original Dedham for which the school of 1644 was established embraced territory which is now distributed among eighteen different towns, and on this territory there are at the present time not less than a hundred public and private schools, which employ over four hundred teachers. These eighteen towns are Bellingham, Dedham, Dover, Franklin, Foxborough, Hyde Park in part, Medfield, Millis, Natick, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Sherborn in part, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood, and Wrentham.

An inventory of Dedham's school property need not wound the pride of any citizen. It will be remembered that her first schoolhouse, built near the meeting house in 1649 by John Thurston, cost eleven pounds and three pence, so that less than sixty dollars was all the money then invested in school accommodations. In 1904 the value of Dedham's school investment is given in the town book as \$276,275.

An inspection of the large and convenient school rooms, excellent furnishings, some of them even elegant, the abundant supplies of books and everything else necessary for effective school work causes a person of advanced years to question whether he was not born in the wrong half of the nineteenth century. In the most costly of our school edifices the outlook from all the rooms is so delightful that it is said every

one of the lady teachers congratulates herself on having the pleasantest room in the building.

The first schoolmaster in Dedham was one who, as a member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University, England, had received the degree of Master of Arts. His salary was 20£ or one hundred dollars per annum, by vote of the town; during the year ending February 1st, 1904, the amount paid for salaries of Dedham teachers was over \$35,000, a case of expansion of which no one need be ashamed.

In the present town of Dedham, which, as I have intimated, occupies only a small fraction of the area of the original town, there were seven schools with a total enrollment of 1592 pupils on the last day of December, 1904. Of this number twenty-five attending the High School came from three other towns. This enrollment includes the three Kindergartens which are hardly to be considered as part of the graded school course, because the training in them is not required as a preparation for entering the primary class, or first grade of the grammar school. The Kindergartens, when in session, occupy the time of six teachers and enroll ninety-five children from three and a half to five years of age, with an average attendance of seventy-five. An inspection of these schools reveals their utility as gateways to the noble edifice of public school instruction. They are most effective as civilizers, places where children, too young to study and coming from all sorts of families, may become accustomed to behave with propriety, may gain much practical use of their hands and eyes, and may learn to exercise their taste and their conscience.

For these three Kindergartens belonging to the Ames, Avery and Oakdale the town expends about \$2500 annually. Those who have charge of them deserve great praise for their patience, skill and ingenuity in keeping their classes employed and interested so many hours day after day in exercises and games designed to improve and refine their infantile character. No teachers in our public schools work more diligently or

expend more enthusiasm and nerve force than the Kindergartners. It is well that they have the rare satisfaction of *knowing* that the impressions they make on the plastic natures under their care will be permanent and precious.

For the primary and grammar schools, including everything between the Kindergarten and the High, a nine years course of training and study is in full operation in the Ames, Avery and Oakdale. The Quincy has a four years course from which children pass on to the Avery. From the Dexter the pupils enter the sixth grade of the Ames, and from the Riverdale, the eighth grade of the same school. This system is well established and made effective by an excellent corps of teachers and the assiduous care of the Superintendent. This course of nine years may seem to some a long preparation for secondary, or High School instruction; but it should be remembered that only a few children are mature enough to enter profitably upon the proper work of the High School before the age of fourteen years. Besides, it is always possible for a pupil of marked ability to obtain promotion, so as to reach the tenth, or High School grade, at an earlier age.

As the work of the elementary schools is now arranged, the pupil can enter the High School with a good knowledge of Music and Drawing, a good beginning in Algebra and Latin, some acquaintance with good literature, and with his love of nature and habits of observing her works duly cultivated. The importance of these qualifications it is quite needless to discuss. But, while the studies are thus broadened by exercises to improve the taste and open the eye to the beauties of the universe, the fundamental studies are taught as fully as pupils of that age are capable of instruction. So that, if any are obliged to shorten their school course, they will have gained as much useful learning as their years made it possible to acquire. Indeed they will be better educated than they would have been by devoting all their school days to the acquisition of the three utilitarian *r's* with grammar and geography added.

The High School enrollment is one hundred ninety-nine; one hundred sixty-six from Dedham, nineteen from Westwood, five from Medfield and one from Dover. The school is instructed by eight regular teachers, music and drawing are in charge of two special teachers. Four courses of study have been arranged, each of four years.

THE COLLEGE COURSE is shaped to meet the requirements of Yale and Harvard Universities; and students who complete it are expected to be able to enter those institutions by examination; at other New England colleges they will be received on certificate.

THE INSTITUTE COURSE meets the demands of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Cambridge Scientific School, and prepares the student to pass examination for those schools or any other institutions of like character.

THE GENERAL COURSE prepares for the Normal Schools of any state, for the requirements of cultivated homes and the responsible duties of good citizenship.

A COMMERCIAL COURSE including penmanship, correspondence, bookkeeping, type-writing, stenography and other specialties relating to mercantile affairs will serve the purpose of the Commercial College, or at least prepare students to do more effective work in such an institution.

The adequacy of these courses in the hands of capable teachers and in behalf of well prepared and diligent students has been abundantly proved year after year. The system is complete, carefully adjusted to the wants of the community and in perfect harmony with the most advanced ideas of public education.

Having indulged in this general review of the Dedham schools, it would be a pleasant duty to speak particularly of all the fifty-four teachers who are carrying forward this work of training youthful Dedham for its near and remote future. But the more I inspected their excellent performance, the more difficult it seemed to speak of individuals. So far as I could

observe, they were all faithful, intelligent, enthusiastic ; working with a common purpose and clearly discerning the end to be attained, namely, a thorough preparation of their pupils for their next step in the process of learning and living. By their combined efforts the admirable system wrought out by the Superintendent of the Dedham Schools is made effective ; and no young person of the present generation ought to be found deficient in his qualification for good citizenship. On the whole, it is evident that the town, which was the first to establish and support a public free school by *direct taxation*, has not faltered in its voluntary efforts to place a good education within the reach of all her sons and daughters.

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